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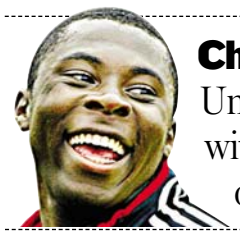

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Bush Pick Bows Out

WITHDRAWN: White House counsel Harriet Miers smiles and waves as she walks into the White House on Thursday. In a striking defeat for President Bush, Miers withdrew her nomination to the Supreme Court after three weeks of brutal criticism from fellow conservatives and in the face of mounting skepticism about her qualifications. ✤ **Who's next?** Focus turns to next nominee | **Page 3**

Bill Seeks Honors For Parks

Lawmakers weigh allowing remains to lie at U.S. Capitol

WASHINGTON | Black civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks would become the first woman to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda under resolutions prepared Thursday by lawmakers.

Parks' refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955 led to a 381-day boycott of the city's bus system and helped spark the modern civil rights movement. She died Monday in Detroit at age 92.

Parks

The Senate was expected to consider a resolution Thursday allowing her remains to lie in honor in the Rotunda on Sunday and Monday "so that the citizens of the United States may pay their last respects to this great American," according to a draft of the measure from the office of Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. The House was expected to consider the resolution Friday.

Parks would be the first woman and second black American to receive the accolade. Jacob J. Chestnut, one of two Capitol police officers fatally shot in 1998, was the first, said Senate historian Richard Baker. Parks also would be the second non-governmental official to be commemorated that way. (AP)

SKILLS | **Hanging in the Balance** A South Tyneside, England, hospital has apologized after a baby waited two hours for treatment while a doctor rode around the hospital on a unicycle, the Press Association reported. Paula Dadswell took her son James to the hospital after he had problems digesting his food. During a long wait, she saw a doctor riding a unicycle who later was sent to treat her son. "We took one look at the doctor and said, 'You must be joking,'" Dadswell said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

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CONSTRUCTION

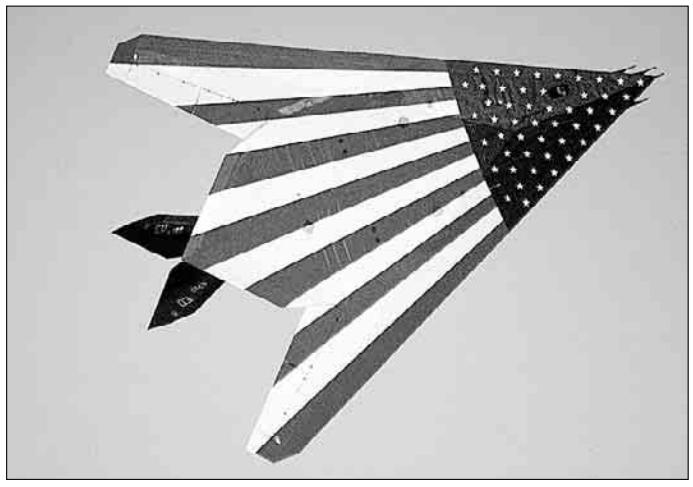
If These Walls Could Meow

A new house recently constructed in Louisburg, Kan., had an extra amenity built in — a cat, WSBT-TV reported. Construction workers heard noises coming from the walls earlier this week, and, when they tore a hole in the wall, a scared, tired, thirsty cat crawled out. The builder said the cat must have gotten in underneath the bathtub and been trapped in the wall at least three weeks. "Poor little thing. So sorry we built you into the house," homeowner Emily Vano said. The cat was taken to a veterinary hospital, and now Vano is looking to find the animal's owner. (EXPRESS)

TERMINOLOGY

When Politicians Are Mentally Challenged

The leader of New Zealand's opposition National Party announced Wednesday the creation of a new position in his shadow cabinet: an official spokesman for "political correctness eradication." National leader Don Brash, who wants to scrap some privileges for the indigenous Maori population, appointed a fellow politician to the position, which he said was his "own invention." Brash said his party would attempt to push reforms through Parliament to "deal with some aspects of political correctness." (EXPRESS)



FIGHTER JETS

Stars and Stealth

You're a grand ol' flag/you're a high-flying flag/able to cloak yourself from radar and unload a devastating array of smart bombs. At least for this patriotic F-117 Nighthawk with the American flag emblazoned on its underbelly. The F-117 stealth fighter, the oldest of five prototypes, flew past spectators at the 2005 Edwards Open House and Air Show on Saturday. This particular stealth fighter was constructed before full production of the aircraft started; still, if you're on the opposing side of a U.S. military operation, this is probably not a view you want to have. (EXPRESS)

BARS

Water-to-Wine Story Draws a Big Crowd

So, these two priests walk into a bar ... No joke. A Catholic parish in Manchester, N.H., has booked four talks at a local bar in an effort to reach out to 20- and 30-somethings who don't go to church. Alcohol will be served. The Saint Marie Parish's first presentation, "Naked & Without Shame," is scheduled for Thursday at the Strange Brew Tavern and will deal with Catholic views on sexuality, contraception, and sex and marriage. (AP)

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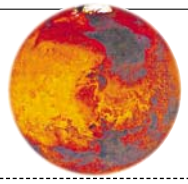
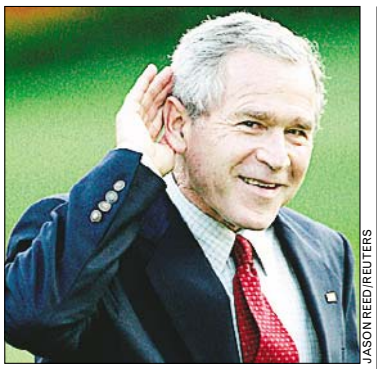


RED AHEAD: For the second time in nearly 60,000 years, Mars will swing unusually close to Earth this weekend, appearing as a yellow twinkle in the night sky. The fourth rock from the sun is expected to create a visible glow above the horizon.

Nation



JASON REED/REUTERS

President Bush cups his ear to journalists at the White House on Thursday.

Pressure's On for Next Court Pick

WASHINGTON | Denied his first choice, President Bush scrambled on Thursday to find a new Supreme Court nominee who could calm a conservative rebellion and walk sure-footedly through a Senate confirmation hearing.

That could point to a handful of federal judges believed to have been finalists when Bush made his doomed choice of Harriet Miers.

Some top contenders are believed to be federal appellate judges Samuel Alito, J. Michael Luttig, J. Harvie Wilkinson, Alice Batchelder, Priscilla Owen and Karen Williams as well as Michigan Supreme Court Justice Maura Corrigan.

Or, Bush could turn to a current or past senator, such as Republican John Cornyn of Texas, believing the Senate would be more likely to embrace one of its own. (AP)

Miers Withdraws Court Nomination

Loss of nominee said to be a stinging defeat for President Bush

WASHINGTON | White House counsel Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination to the Supreme Court on Thursday after three weeks of brutal criticism from fellow conservatives. The Senate's top Republican predicted a replacement within days.

Miers said she abandoned her quest for confirmation because the Senate was demanding documents and information detailing her private advice to the president. "I am concerned that the confirmation process presents a burden for the White House," she wrote.

Senior lawmakers on the Senate Judiciary Committee said they had requested no such documents. Instead, Republicans and Democrats said politics forced her to withdraw, particularly the demands of GOP conservatives who twice elected Bush and now seek to move the high court to the right on abortion and other issues.

"They had a litmus test and Harriet Miers failed that test," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

JIM YOUNG/REUTERS

Harriet Miers arrives for one of many meetings with senators on Capitol Hill on Oct. 18.

"In effect, she was denied due process by members of her own party," said Sen. John Warner, R-Va. Dan Coats, whom the White House assigned to assist Miers' confirmation campaign, said outside groups and pundits and "perhaps even some senators" had rushed to judgment.

Bush, beset by poor poll ratings, an unpopular war in Iraq, high energy prices and the possibility of indictments of White House officials, offered no hint about his thinking on a new nominee. He pledged to make an appointment in a "timely manner."

Miers' nomination never seemed to take hold in the Senate, given the surprise that greeted her appointment and the sustained criticism from conservatives in the face of repeated endorsements from Bush.

She failed to generate enthusiasm for her nomination in private meetings with senators, according to many lawmakers. DAVID ESPO (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Next Act: President Bush now has an opportunity to recover from one of the biggest miscalculations of his term. | *Post analysis, Page A1*

Pundits 1, Bush 0: Conservative talking heads turned against their president and helped sink his pick in the blink of a news cycle. | *Style*

Conservatives' Muscle on Display

Analysis: Departure shows Bush's weakness, the right's strength

WASHINGTON | Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers' sudden withdrawal underscores the strength of the social conservatives who form President Bush's political base and the weakness of a president beset by political misfortunes.

Her withdrawal came after restive conservatives mounted a stinging campaign against her credentials, culminating in a national TV ad in which some of Bush's top supporters urged her to step down.

Heading into what may be the darkest days of his presidency, Bush still has an opportunity to regain the support of that rebellious bloc and avoid drifting earlier than usual into the lame duck status that eventually claims all second-term U.S. presidents.

Bush appeared to have overestimated his political capital and underestimated the fervor of conservatives who put extraordinary stock in Supreme Court nominations. "There was just less willingness to defer to the president on this," said William Kristol, editor of the conservative Weekly Standard.

TOM RAUM (AP)

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Nation

55% **The percentage of U.S.** households that had access to the Internet in 2003, more than triple the percentage in 1997, according to a Census Bureau report released Thursday.

Aides Await Fate In CIA Leak Case

Libby, Rove at center of speculation in probe expected to end today

WASHINGTON | Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald huddled with his legal team Thursday as two key White House aides awaited their fate in the CIA leak probe.

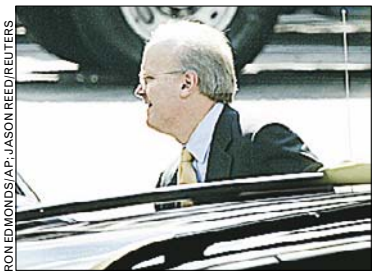
A spokesman for the prosecutor said there would be no public announcements Thursday. The term of the grand jury that could bring indictments expires Friday.

The White House braced for the possibility that Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, could become a criminal defendant by week's end. Bush's top political adviser, Karl Rove, remained in jeopardy of being charged with false statements.

Libby and Rove arrived for work at the White House Thursday as usual. Rove attended the daily meeting of the senior staff, but Libby did not and was said to be in a security briefing. Libby misses senior staff meetings about half the time because of intelligence briefings and other issues, an official said.

Rove's legal team made contingency plans, consulting with former Justice Department official Mark Corallo about what defenses could be mounted in court and in public.

PETE YOST (AP)



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Cheney Chief of Staff I. Lewis Libby, top, and top Bush adviser Karl Rove on White House grounds on Thursday.

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AT THE ZOO | SNACK O' LANTERN

GEORGE NIKITIN/SAN FRANCISCO ZOO/AP

HEAD CASE: Ulu, a 23-year-old female polar bear digs into a carved pumpkin at the San Francisco Zoo on Thursday. Ulu explored her Halloween-ready exhibit which also included a painted haunted house, cardboard tombstones stuffed with fruits and pumpkins covered in honey.

In Brief

CHICAGO

Flu Drug Shipments to U.S. Halted Amid Hoarding Fears

Amid worries about bird flu, demand for a flu medicine is so extreme that the drug's maker has stopped shipping it to private U.S. suppliers just as consumers fret over whether they should try to stock up on the drug. Roche Holding AG of Switzerland, the makers of Tamiflu, said Thursday it was temporarily suspending U.S. shipments because of increased global demand. (AP)

WASHINGTON

La. Governor Blamed for Slow Removal of Katrina Victims

Bodies of people killed by Hurricane Katrina went uncollected for more than a week in the New Orleans area as the federal government waited for Louisiana's governor to decide what to do with them, according to memos released Thursday by a GOP-led House committee. The memos contradict a contention by Louisiana's Democratic Gov. Kathleen Blanco, two weeks after Katrina hit on Aug. 29, that the federal government was moving too slowly to recover the bodies. (AP)

Blanco

HONOLULU

Engineer Charged With Selling Military Secrets

An engineer who calls himself the father of the technology that protects the B-2 stealth bomber from heat-seeking missiles has been arrested and accused of selling U.S. military secrets involving the aircraft to a foreign country, the FBI said. Noshir S. Gowadia, 61, of Haiku was arrested Wednesday. (AP)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Court: Clinton Library Eligible for Tax Break

Bill Clinton's presidential library foundation is eligible for a $3.5 million tax break meant for economic development, The Arkansas Supreme Court ruled Thursday, rejecting the state's argument that nonprofits shouldn't receive such aid. (AP)

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Nation

LOW POLLS: Voters are skeptical of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, with only 38 percent in a new poll saying they approve of his job in office, while 57 percent disapprove.

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FAMILY TRIP: President Bush and his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, right, talk to a storm survivor as the president visits a relief center in Pompano Beach, Fla. Millions of Floridians are still without power after Hurricane Wilma hit earlier this week.

Supplies Still Short in Fla.

President Bush tours damage as long lines remain for gas, food

MIAMI | Many Floridians struggled another day to find food, water and fuel after Hurricane Wilma on Thursday, with lines of people and cars forming around home improvement stores and gas stations.

President Bush arrived in Miami to visit the National Hurricane Center and boarded a helicopter to get his first look at the damage wrought by Wilma in Florida, where about 2 million homes and businesses were still without power.

"People are getting fed. Soon more and more houses will have their electricity," Bush said as he greeted relief volunteers in Pompano Beach. "Their life will get back to normal."

Many gas stations that had fuel were without electricity, and others that had power ran out of supplies. Shouting matches started at some stations when people tried cutting in line.

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez said the state's largest utility, Florida Power & Light, had reprioritized its efforts to restore electricity to gas stations and grocery stores quickly. His county has lent generators to some businesses to get them open and he has asked for more from the federal government.

More than 2,800 people remained housed in 25 shelters spread over 11 counties.

Florida's official death toll rose Wednesday from 10 to 14, including five carbon monoxide deaths.

ERIK SCHELZIG (AP)

Executive: La. Hospitals Near Financial Collapse

WASHINGTON | Louisiana's public hospital system is on the verge of financial collapse two months after Hurricane Katrina and needs federal aid, the system's chief said Thursday.

"We're out of money, roughly after Thanksgiving," Donald Smithburg of the Louisiana State University Health Care Services Division said.

Smithburg said the system, Louisiana's largest provider with 1.2 million patients a year before the storm, will have to furlough 2,900 of its 8,000 workers next week, the first step toward permanent layoffs. (AP)

Detained U.S. Citizen Appeals to High Court

WASHINGTON | "Dirty bomb" suspect Jose Padilla has asked the Supreme Court to limit the government's power to hold him and other U.S. terror suspects indefinitely and without charges.

The case of Padilla, who has been in custody more than three years, presents a major test of the Bush administration's wartime authority. The former gang member is accused of plotting to detonate a radioactive device.

Justices refused on a 5-4 vote last year to resolve Padilla's rights, ruling that he contested his detention in the wrong court. Donna Newman of New York, one of Padilla's attorneys, said the new case, which was being processed at the court Thursday, asks when and for how long the government can jail people in military prisons.

Padilla

Justices will not decide until late this year whether to hear Padilla's appeal. GINA HOLLAND (AP)

A FINE VINTAGE: King Tutankhamen was a red wine drinker, according to a researcher who analyzed traces of the vintage found in his tomb. British researchers made the find after inventing a process to discover the color of ancient wine.

World

Saddam Bilked $1.8B in Oil Scheme

Report finds 2,200 companies complicit in U.N. program scam

UNITED NATIONS | Investigators of the U.N. oil-for-food program issued a final report Thursday that accused more than 2,200 U.S. and foreign companies, and prominent politicians, of colluding with Saddam Hussein's regime to bilk the operation of $1.8 billion.

The 623-page document was a scathing indictment that exposed the global scope of a scam that allegedly involved such name-brand companies as DaimlerChrysler and Siemens AG, as well as a former French U.N. ambassador, a British politician and the president of Italy's Lombardi region.

It meticulously detailed how the $64 billion program became a cash cow for Saddam and more than half the companies participating in oil-for-food — at the expense of regular Iraqis suffering under tough U.N. sanctions. It blamed shoddy U.N. management and the world's most powerful nations for allowing the corruption to go on for years.

"The corruption of the program by Saddam would not nearly have been so pervasive if there had been diligent management by the United Nations and its agencies," said Paul Volcker, a former Federal Reserve chief who led the investigation.

Volcker

The investigators found that companies and individuals from 66 countries paid illegal kickbacks using a variety of methods, and those paying illegal oil surcharges came from, or were registered in 40 countries.

NICK WADHAMS (AP)

DEVELOPMENTS IN IRAQ

● **SUNNI ARAB** militants killed 14 Shiite militiamen and a policeman Thursday in a clash southeast of Baghdad. The fighting occurred after police and Shiite militiamen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr raided a house to free a militiaman.

● **THE U.S. MILITARY** said two U.S. Army soldiers were killed Wednesday when their convoy hit a roadside bomb in eastern Baghdad. Another U.S. soldier also died Wednesday in an ambush north of Baghdad. (AP)

RICHARD VOGEL/AP

Shariq Sayeed, of Homestead, Pa., attends to a quake victim in Pakistan.

Quake Aid Gets Boost From Afar

Pakistani-American doctors use resources to help in homeland

MUZAFFARABAD, PAKISTAN | The needs were urgent: A field hospital wanted seven respirators. A health center was begging for anesthesiology machines. Tetanus shots were in short supply.

Cardiologist Abdul Rashid Piracha quickly put out the word over the phone and the Internet. Within a day he had everything he asked for, simply by tapping into a vast network of Pakistani-American doctors — some 10,000 strong.

Together, these doctors have raised tens of millions of dollars in donations and medical supplies, and many have come personally to help South Asia's quake victims.

"Every day, we have a big meeting and determine what's the need of the day," said surgeon Mohammad Afzal Arain, from Madera, Calif., who flew to Pakistan with a quarter-million dollars worth supplies he had bought or collected.

So far, the network has brought in cash pledges of about $1 million and medicines and equipment such as X-ray machines.

For the most dedicated though, offering financial support alone isn't enough.

"It's about helping people in dire situations," said anesthesiologist Ismail Mehr, 37, from Hornell, N.Y. "I was born here so I definitely wanted to come and help." TINI TRAN (AP)

4 Danes Arrested On Suspicion of Terror Attack Plot

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK | Police arrested four Danish Muslims Thursday on suspicion of belonging to a network planning a suicide terror attack in Europe, officials said.

The suspects, all males between 16 and 20 years old, were ordered held in jail while police investigate the allegations, police spokesman Joern Bro said.

He said at a news conference that the network had planned to carry out the suicide attack in Europe, but he declined to provide further details.

Danish media quoted Bro as saying that the arrests in Copenhagen were linked to an investigation in the Balkans in which arrests were made this month and large quantities of explosives were found. (AP)

HEARSAY | RESOLVE

"They hope that Khodorkovsky will soon be forgotten. ... The fight is only just beginning."

—MIKHAIL KHODORKOVSKY
JAILED OIL TYCOON, PROMISING HIS SUPPORTERS IN A STATEMENT TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST A "SELF-SERVING BUREAUCRACY" IN RUSSIA DESPITE HIS IMPRISONMENT.

JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP

CASTAWAY: Passerbys look at a cargo ship in Puerto Juarez, Mexico, on Thursday that ran aground in Wilma's rough seas.

Mexico Reeling From Wilma's Wrath

ISLA MUJERES, MEXICO | Mexico's Caribbean coastline took a beating from Hurricane Wilma, but the resort area's islands — famous for their diving and snorkeling — bore the brunt of the storm, with extensive damage to reefs and white-sand beaches.

A U.S. cruise ship was sent Thursday to the island of Cozumel to deliver aid and pick up any remaining stranded Americans, but most tourists appeared to have left the islands.

Even in Cancun, lines at makeshift airline ticket counters had nearly vanished, and there were only a few visitors enjoying the sun before heading home.

Mexican President Vicente Fox arrived in Cancun to discuss his plan to have 80 percent of the resort up and running by Dec. 15, and the U.S. Embassy announced an extra $300,000 in aid for Wilma's victims.

Yet, despite the signs of progress, many residents were left behind. On Isla Mujeres, people complained of limited access to drinking water and homes destroyed by high winds, waves and flooding.

Mexico's Environmental Department said Wilma ripped into coral reefs and damaged more than 1 million acres of trees.

Elsewhere, Tropical Storm Beta extended this year's record for named storms during an Atlantic hurricane season, forming Thursday off the coast of Nicaragua and threatening Colombian islands. (AP)

World

32 | **The estimated number of hours** that London's Big Ben clock tower will be stopped this weekend so the clock and its chimes can be worked on. The stoppage will be the landmark's longest maintenance shutdown in 22 years.

In Brief

TASHKENT, UZBEKISTAN

Judges Weigh Fates of Men Accused of Staging Uprising

The judges in the trial of 15 men accused of organizing a May uprising in eastern Uzbekistan retreated for final deliberations Thursday after the defendants, some of them weeping, repented and said they deserved the death penalty. The judges in the tightly controlled, government orchestrated trial did not say when they would deliver a verdict. Prosecutors asked the court to give the men sentences ranging from 15 to 20 years. (AP)

GEORGE ESIRI/REUTERS

Thousands attend a memorial service at the site of the plane crash in Nigeria.

LAGOS, NIGERIA

Obasanjo Makes Trip to Site Of Crash, Attends Memorial

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo visited the site of the crash of a Boeing 737-200 that killed all 117 aboard and joined thousands of Nigerians in a memorial service Thursday. Obasanjo said the televised interfaith service was held "to continue the expression of our sorrow" over the "multiple calamities" that befell the country. (AP)

ARIEL SCHALIT/AP

ATTACK AFTERMATH: A victim of Wednesday's suicide bombing in Hadera, Israel, is buried in a funeral ceremony on Thursday.

Israeli Missile Strike Kills 7

Response to bombing dims hopes for summit

JERUSALEM | Israel killed seven Palestinians in a missile strike Thursday against Islamic Jihad, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would not meet with the Palestinian leader until he cracks down on armed groups — a double-edged Israeli response to the latest suicide bombing.

Sharon threatened a "broad and relentless" offensive against Palestinian militants, including mass arrests and airstrikes, but security officials said Israel would stop short of a large-scale military operation.

Sharon's decision to shun Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas was the clearest signal yet that efforts to revive peacemaking after Israel's pullout from the Gaza Strip last month have run aground. Abbas has said he cannot and will not confront militants, fearing civil war, but it's unlikely progress can be made unless the two leaders meet.

Wednesday's bombing in an open-air market in the central Israeli town of Hadera killed five Israelis, the fourth suicide attack by Islamic Jihad since Abbas negotiated a truce deal with Palestinian groups in February. Islamic Jihad said it carried out the bombing to avenge the killing of a top gunman in the West Bank.

In the Gaza refugee camp of Jebaliya, Israeli aircraft fired two missiles at a car carrying Islamic Jihad militants. Hospital officials said at least seven people were killed and 15 wounded. Among the dead were at least two militants. (AP)

Iranian's Remarks Draw Fire

World leaders blast Ahmadinejad's call to wipe Israel off the map

LONDON | Governments around the world expressed shock and scorn Thursday at the Iranian president's call for Israel to be "wiped off the map," and several summoned Tehran's envoys in their capitals for a reprimand.

However, Israeli calls for Iran to be suspended from the United Nations over the remarks by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad were not immediately taken up by other nations.

Ahmadinejad

In a speech Wednesday, Ahmadinejad denounced Israel and said a new wave of Palestinian attacks "will wipe this stigma from the face of the Islamic world."

The 25 European Union leaders, meeting at Hampton Court Palace near London, condemned the remarks, saying they "will cause concern about Iran's role in the region and its future intentions."

France, Spain and the Netherlands summoned the Iranian ambassadors in their capitals to explain the remarks. (AP)

Amsterdam Fire Kills 11 Detainees

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS | A fire raged Thursday through a prison complex near Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, killing 11 illegal aliens awaiting deportation and raising questions about whether the Dutch government sacrificed safety standards in a crackdown on immigration.

The nationalities of the dead were not immediately released.

The fire started in a cell just after midnight, raging for three hours. Fifteen people were injured, including firefighters and police.

Authorities would not comment on reports that a detainee started the blaze. (AP)

WASHED UP: Rio is proud of its landmarks and urges tourists to buy postcards, but the Girl from Ipanema now could be off limits. A Rio de Janeiro state legislator has filed a bill that would outlaw selling postcards that show Brazilian women in tiny bikinis. Postcard racks are full of them and most Brazilians think it's acceptable, but the bill's sponsor feels it's "risque." (AP)

China Defends Efforts on Avian Flu

BEIJING | China insisted Thursday it was doing all it can to prevent the spread of bird flu and confirmed that a 12-year-old girl who died in a village that suffered an outbreak has tested negative for the virus.

"The Chinese government is taking effective measures to prevent the spread of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu," the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing Premier Wen Jiabao in the first comment by a Chinese leader since the latest outbreaks.

CHINA NEWSPHOTO/REUTERS

A health worker sprays disinfectant near ducks at a market in Hefei in east China's Anhui province on Thursday.

Beijing was sharply criticized for its slow response to pleas for information during its outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, which was first reported in 2002 in the country's south.

Meanwhile, in Paris, tests showed that a man hospitalized on France's Indian Ocean island of Reunion thought to have possibly been infected with the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus is in fact suffering from another type of flu, French authorities said Thursday. (AP)

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Local

EMERGENCY DONATION: When the time came for Cottage City-Colmar Manor Volunteer Fire Co. in Prince George's County to sell one of its ladder trucks, it decided to instead give it to volunteer firefighters in Hancock, Miss., who lost just about everything in Hurricane Katrina.

Maverick Judge Criticized

Va. prosecutors slam O'Flaherty's dismissal of drunk driving cases

FAIRFAX, VA. | A judge who has ruled Virginia's drunken driving law is unconstitutional is misinterpreting the U.S. Supreme Court case on which his opinion is based, prosecutors argued Thursday.

A different judge heard arguments on the constitutionality of Virginia's law, which presumes that a driver with a blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher is intoxicated, unless the driver can prove otherwise.

Defense attorneys argued that such a presumption is unconstitutional because it infringes on guarantees to a presumption of innocence. They cite an obscure 1985 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Francis v. Franklin, as their support.

Defense lawyers presented that argument back in July to District Judge Ian M. O'Flaherty, and he agreed, dismissing two cases in the summer and several more this month, including drivers whose blood alcohol level has been more than twice the legal limit. O'Flaherty's rulings do not carry precedent.

In Thursday's hearing, prosecutor Casey Lingan said that Francis v. Franklin doesn't apply to Virginia's law because the case dealt specifically with jury instructions about legal presumptions, and did not apply to an actual statute.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Workers Seek to Revive Anthrax Suits

Postal employees say they were assured that D.C. facility was safe

WASHINGTON | More than four years after they were exposed to anthrax, employees who worked at a Northeast D.C. mail center sought Thursday to revive lawsuits against the U.S. Postal Service.

They asked a three-judge panel from the Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate a pair of cases against the postmaster general and local postal service managers.

The lawsuits contend that workers at the Brentwood postal center were deliberately kept on the job for four days after officials knew they had been exposed to weapons-grade anthrax in letters sent to Capitol Hill in 2001.

Both lawsuits contend postal employees repeatedly were told their workplace was safe, even though congressional offices where the letters were received had closed. Lawyers for plaintiffs noted that 10 percent of the congressional staffers were minorities compared to 93 percent of the mail center's staff.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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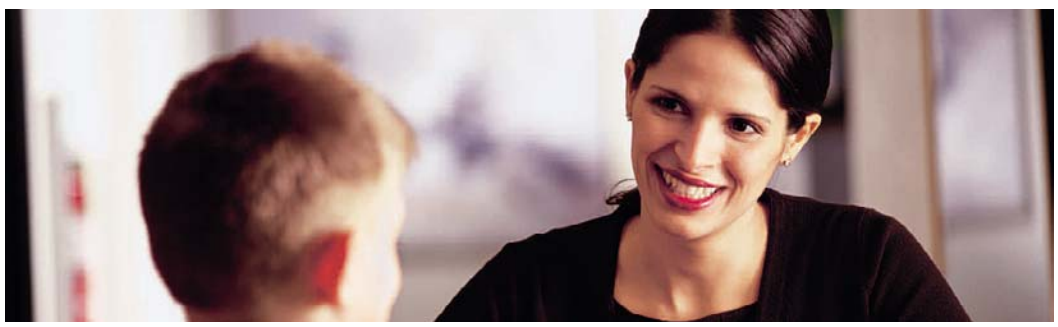

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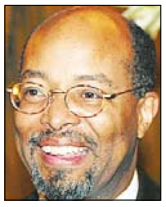
IN The Washington Post | ANXIETY OVER MOLD

SUSAN BIDDLE/T WP

PARENTS CONCERNED: Jack Pykosh, 8, loves DeFief Elementary School in Montgomery County. But his parents worry that mold at the school is giving him bloody noses and sinus infections. School officials believe they have fixed the problem, but parents aren't so sure. | **Today in Metro**

Prosecutors Want Death Penalty In Fatal Shooting

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | Prosecutors in Prince George's County will pursue capital murder charges against a suspect accused of fatally shooting a police officer.



Ivey

Glenn F. Ivey, the state's attorney, announced Thursday that the circumstances surrounding the death of Cpl. Steven F. Gaughan on June 21 make the death penalty an appropriate option.

Robert Billett, 43, a Jamaican national living in Bladensburg, was riding in a car that county officers tried to pull over near a Laurel apartment complex. Authorities said Gaughan — who was not wearing a bulletproof vest — was shot in the shoulder and abdomen as Billett jumped out of the car and ran across the building's parking lot.

Billett has three previous felony convictions, including one for assault. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Board of Education Awards Janey With $25K Bonus

The District of Columbia Board of Education has awarded Superintendent Clifford B. Janey a $25,000 performance bonus, praising him for improving student achievement. The bonus, to be paid by Monday, is 10 percent of Janey's $250,000 base salary. He also will get a one-year extension of his three-year contract, serving until June 30, 2008. Janey took over the 62,000-student D.C. school system in September 2004. (AP)

BALTIMORE

Johns Hopkins Student Dies Of Meningoccal Infection

A Johns Hopkins University sophomore who died Wednesday most likely had a meningoccal infection, which can lead to bacterial meningitis, a university spokesman said Thursday. Gilbert Duvalsaint, of Searingtown, N.Y., was taken to Union Memorial Hospital where his condition quickly deteriorated and was pronounced dead. (AP)

GATHER YOUR LEAVES: If the colder temperatures didn't signal that fall has arrived, then trees dropping their leaves certainly are. Starting Monday, the District will start its citywide leaf collection effort which runs through Jan. 7, 2006. Leaf program brochures were mailed to all District households, but if you need more information, visit dpw.dc.gov. (EXPRESS)

5 **The number of years** Olushola Oladapo of Lanham, Md., was sentenced to prison for aiding her husband in an identity-theft scheme in which mail was stolen from BWI airport.

Local

Metrorail Delays Expected

Transit agency warns of weekend track work on all 5 Metro lines

WASHINGTON | A word to the wise this weekend: Add at least 10 minutes to Metrorail trips starting this evening, especially if you're in the suburbs. Metro plans track work, rail car testing or bridge inspections on all five rail lines this weekend, though only the Orange Line in the Falls Church area will see construction-related delays through the entire weekend.

Between the East Falls Church and West Falls Church stations, Orange Line trains will share the same track as personnel replace a track switch. The work begins today at 10 p.m. and will continue through closing on Sunday. Metro advises passengers to add at least 5-10 minutes through this area.

Starting at 10 p.m. today, Red Line trains will share the same track between the Judiciary Square and Rhode Island Avenue-Brentwood stations for routine track maintenance. That work wraps up at 10 a.m. Saturday, but shifts up the line at 6 a.m. Sunday between the Rhode Island Avenue-Brentwood and Fort Totten stations and will end at 6 p.m. Sunday. Expect delays of 5-10 minutes.

Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Green Line trains will share the same track between the Branch Avenue and Naylor Road stations as inspection crews examine bridge structures along the route. On Saturday and Sunday from 7 p.m. to closing, Green Line trains will share the same track between the Greenbelt and Fort Totten stations, as Metro tests rail cars.

Continuing construction at the King Street station in Alexandria will force Blue and Yellow line trains to share the same track from the Braddock Road station to the Blue and Yellow Line split south of King Street. That work starts today at 10 p.m. and will wrap up Saturday at 10 a.m. Expect 10-minute delays. MICHAEL GRASS (EXPRESS)

METRO OPENS AT 5 A.M. ON SUNDAY FOR MARATHON

The Metrorail system will open at 5 a.m. to help move participants and spectators for the 30th annual Marine Corps Marathon. Sunday morning, expect heavy usage of the Rosslyn, Arlington Cemetery and Pentagon stations. Buses using the Pentagon Transit Center will be redirected to the Pentagon City station on the Blue and Yellow lines. (EXPRESS)

✣ **Avoid the delays:** For more details on the weekend work, visit **wmata.com**.

For Duncan, Success Could Hurt Bid

Road to gubernatorial victory not necessarily smooth and straight

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Running one of the nation's wealthier counties, as Doug Duncan has done for the past 11 years, would seem to be a good platform to launch a campaign for governor.

Unlike Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley, who has to contend with all the problems that crime and poverty pose for a big-city mayor, Duncan can brag about a strong economy, a highly rated school system and a revitalization of Silver Spring that has brought new life to the area.

Duncan

But even in wealthy, highly educated Montgomery County, there are some potential pitfalls for Duncan as he begins his gubernatorial bid. The economic strength that makes the county prosperous also bring problems — such as developmental sprawl that worsens traffic congestion and crowds schools. When voters are unhappy, they tend to blame the person at the top, no matter who is at fault.

"I think Martin O'Malley is going to do well in Montgomery County," said Phil Andrews, a County Council member often at odds with Duncan. "I don't think he will win, but I think he's going to get a lot of votes here, perhaps 35 to 40 percent."

But Duncan is popular because he has kept his campaign promises, said Scott Arceneaux, his campaign manager. TOM STUCKEY (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Oct. 27

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-3-0
Evening Lucky Numbers	0-6-7
Mid-day DC 4	6-3-8-1
Evening DC 4	2-8-4-9
Hot Five	01-26-20-10-25
Daily 6	04-17-08-25-29-03 Bonus: 33
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	06-15-19-21-22 (04)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	7-8-6
Evening Pick 3	3-1-0
Mid-day Pick 4	7-9-2-8
Evening Pick 4	8-1-4-0
Match 5	03-19-32-34-39 Bonus: 11
Lotto (Wed.)	11-24-29-32-41-48

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	4-9-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-5-8
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	8-5-6-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-3-8-5
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	11-12-15-24-27
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	02-13-17-19-23

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	02-10-39-42-43 (23)
Power Play	03

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Money

FRUIT SUIT: The WTO ruled Thursday that a new European Union tariff on imported bananas is illegal, siding with eight Latin American countries who said Brussels' proposal would seriously limit their ability to export the fruit.

Exxon, Shell Report Record Profits

Exxon's quarterly sales soar to $100B in wake of high oil, gas prices

DALLAS | High prices for oil and natural gas propelled Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell PLC to their best quarterly results ever on Thursday, with Exxon becoming the first U.S. company ever to ring up quarterly sales of $100 billion.

To put Exxon's performance into perspective, its third quarter revenue was greater than the annual gross domestic product of some of the largest oil producing nations. The company also set a profit record for U.S. companies by posting net income of almost $10 billion, according to Standard & Poor's analyst Howard Silverblatt.

Both Exxon and Shell said their performances were buoyed by higher crude-oil and natural-gas prices, even as output suffered due to a busy hurricane season in the Gulf of Mexico. The companies noticed slight decreases in fuel demand.

MARK LORENZ/AP

Exxon Mobil Corp. and Royal Dutch Shell PLC reported soaring sales figures for the third quarter on Thursday.

Exxon's net income ballooned 75 percent to $9.92 billion, compared with $5.68 billion a year ago. At Shell, third-quarter net income grew 68 percent to $9.03 billion, compared with $5.37 billion a year earlier.

"We are capturing the benefits of high oil and gas prices and refining margins," Shell Chief Financial Officer Peter Voser said, referring to the profit margin on each barrel of crude that is refined into fuel. (AP)

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Telecom Mergers OK'd

WASHINGTON | Federal antitrust regulators on Thursday approved the multibillion-dollar mergers of SBC Communications Inc. with AT&T and of Verizon Communications Inc. with MCI Inc.

The Justice Department approved the deals without any significant conditions, such as the asset sales that critics said were needed to ensure adequate competition. The Federal Communications Commission still must sign off on the mergers, and that could come as early as Friday.

The SBC merger, valued at $16 billion, won't be the end of the AT&T name. SBC plans to change its corporate name to the iconic AT&T, company officials said. Verizon plans to keep its name after the $8.5 billion merger with MCI.

Justice Department approval requires Verizon and SBC to lease to smaller competitors several hundred unused or "dark" lines that run to buildings serving mostly business customers. The leasing is required in 19 metropolitan areas where the companies, either SBC or Verizon, would be the only providers.

SBC and Verizon already are the largest regional phone companies, and AT&T and MCI dominate the market for business customers.

JENNIFER C. KERR (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Hurricane-Related Job Loss Claims Top 500,000

Job losses from hurricanes Katrina and Rita have passed the half-million mark with further increases still to come from Wilma as the Gulf Coast hurricanes continue to batter the economy. The Labor Department reported Thursday that an additional 24,000 workers who lost jobs because of Katrina and Rita filed applications for unemployment benefits last week. That pushed the total to 502,000 hurricane-related claims. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Poll: Greenspan Not to Blame For Problems With Economy

Most people in a new poll give Alan Greenspan high marks for his handling of the economy during his 18 years running the Federal Reserve, and few blame him for what they see as a troubled economy. Three-quarters of those surveyed rate the economy as fair or poor and, when asked whether President Bush or Greenspan is most responsible, 55 percent choose Bush, according to an AP-Ipsos poll. Just 29 percent say Greenspan. (AP)

Greenspan

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ParPharm	25.41	+3.64	+16.7
OrientFn	12.05	+1.67	+16.1
Goodyear	15.35	+1.97	+14.7
PlaytxPd	13.17	+1.63	+14.1
ITT Ed	54.49	+5.81	+11.9

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
KineticC	41.16	-14.84	-26.5
Skechers	12.33	-3.47	-22.0
ChicB&I s	23.50	-6.22	-20.9
Domtar g	4.50	-.89	-16.5
MStewrt	17.97	-3.23	-15.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TrnspAm	9.61	+1.61	+20.1
ICT Grp	13.25	+1.94	+17.2
ExpScript s	72.42	+10.35	+16.7
ASV Inc s	23.15	+3.23	+16.2
MonPwrSy n	12.87	+1.79	+16.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NyfixInc lf	2.87	-2.28	-44.3
OrcktCm s	13.38	-5.84	-30.4
PooreBr	3.49	-1.51	-30.2
Duratek	12.70	-5.30	-29.4
OrchidCell	6.03	-2.34	-28.0

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-115.03	-36.24	-12.48
-1.11	-1.73	-1.05
10229.95	2063.81	1178.90

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	6.75	6.75
Fed Funds close	3.875	3.75
3-month	3.81	3.77
2-year	4.35	4.24
10-year	4.55	4.47
30-year	4.77	4.69

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5604	.5637	.5467
Canadian Dollar	1.1694	1.1709	1.2264
European Euro	.8235	.8284	.7871
Japanese Yen	115.31	115.84	106.51
Mexican Peso	10.9080	10.8990	11.5310
Taiwanese Dollar	33.63	33.61	33.44

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	87.75	+.79	+8.2
AstraZen	44.95	-1.08	+23.5
BarrPhm	56.45	+.07	+24.0
BrMySq	21.67	-.04	-15.4
ForestLab	36.98	+.08	-17.6
Hospira	39.28	-.67	+17.3
IvaxCorp	28.26	-.24	+78.6
JohnJn	61.44	-1.37	-3.1
LillyEli	50.00	-.40	-11.9
Merck	26.92	-.27	-16.2
MylanLab	21.61	+.01	+22.2
Pfizer	21.10	+.04	-21.5
SchergPl	20.17	-.58	-3.4
Sepracor	55.51	-1.89	-6.5
Wyeth	44.27	-.33	+3.9

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Sports Weekend

Long Division

Redskins play Giants with first place on the line in the NFC East

REDSKINS | Bust out that lucky T-shirt. Avoid stepping on cracks. Pray.

Whatever their superstition, Redskins fans will be sure to carry it out in proper fashion before 1 p.m., Sunday. That's because these next two games could determine the rest of the season.

Interdivision play dictates someone has to fall off the pace in the NFC East, where everyone is sitting on four wins and dreaming of an early February trip to Detroit.

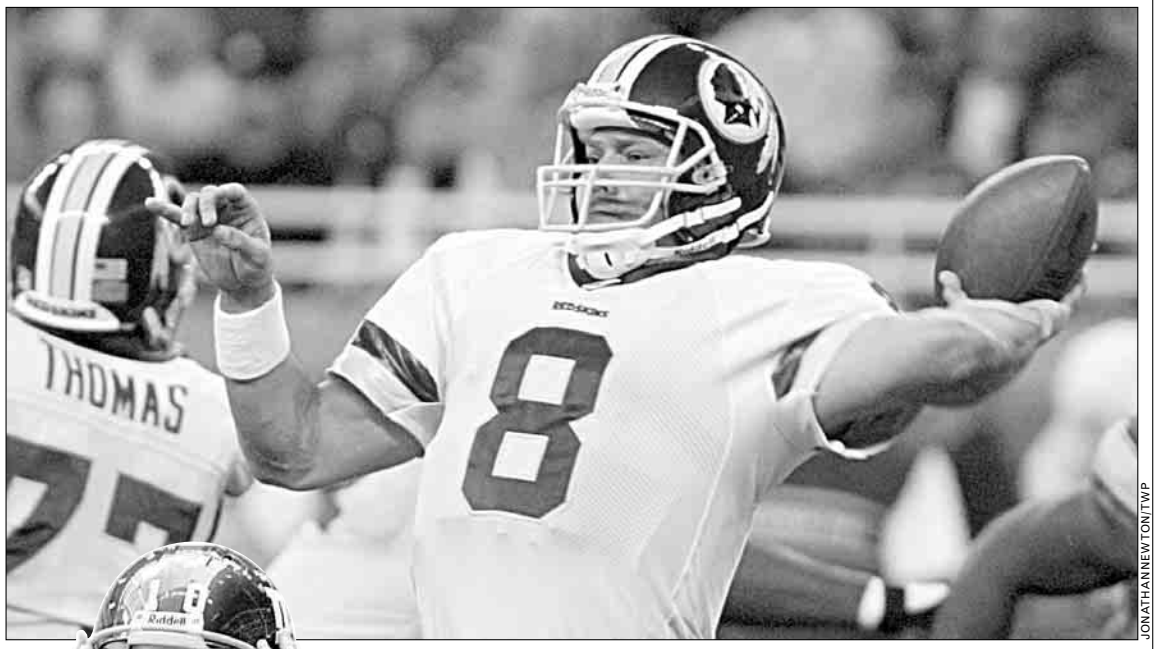
If Washington (4-2) drops the next two — to the Giants and Eagles, respectively — they can count on spending the rest of the season in playoff bubble purgatory.

"We talk about [winning our divisional games] every day," Redskins quarterback Mark Brunell said. "I can just tell you it's going to be a hard-fought game."

Two teams will enter Giants Stadium on Sunday afternoon, but only one will leave in first place. And for the first time in years, the question isn't if the Redskins' offense can produce, but rather if it can be stopped.

Washington is fresh off a 52-17 thrashing of San Francisco, where they took out a half-decade of frustration on a team that was more inept than FEMA.

Brunell has gone from written-off old guy to the NFC's top-rated passer. This week, he'll face the second-most generous defense in the league.



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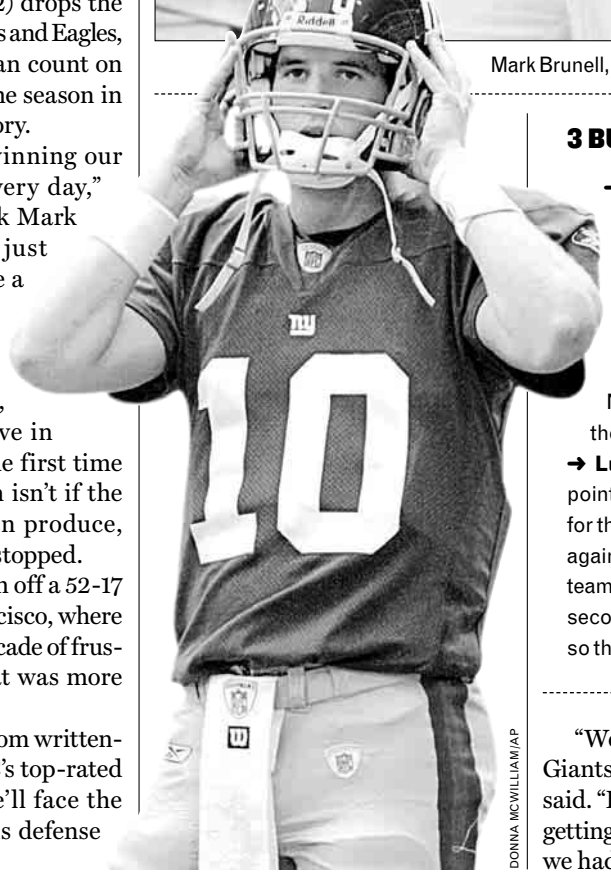


DONNA MCWILLIAM/AP

Mark Brunell, top, and Eli Manning, bottom, lead two strong offenses into Sunday's game.

3 BURNING QUESTIONS

➜ **Shock or Sean?** Jeremy Shockey is a huge (literally) weapon in the Giants' offense. It's up to Sean Taylor to cut him down to size.

➜ **Who's the Man(ning)?** Peyton's little brother is the NFC's top-rated passer in the fourth quarter.

➜ **Lucky Seven Again?** 52 points is a confidence builder for the Redskins, even if it came against the NFL's version of a JV team in the 49ers. The Giants are second-to-last in total defense so there could be a repeat.

"We've given up some yards," Giants head coach Tom Coughlin said. "But we've done a good job of getting really key things done when we had to."

Those key things are called turnovers. While the Redskins rarely force a turnover, the Giants are forcing more than three per game.

On the flip side, New York quarterback Eli Manning has gone from turnover machine in 2004 to playmaker in 2005. He led the Giants on a game-winning touchdown drive last weekend against Denver and already has twice as many touchdown passes (12) as he did all of last season.

"I'm still not where I need to be, but I go out there and try to learn as much football as I can week to week." Manning said.

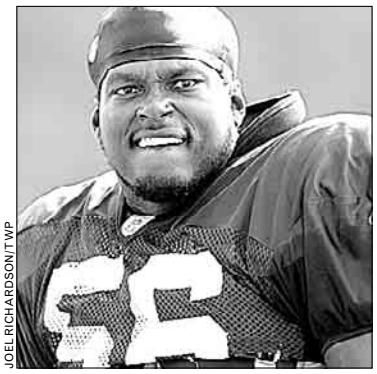
Manning is modest, but the stats aren't: The Giants enter Week 8 as the NFL's highest scoring team.

So will there be a shootout for the NFC East lead? A nailbiter? Both?

It's a pretty even match-up on paper. Cross your fingers.

ERIC BRANDNER

TV Lineup



JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP

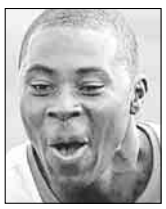
LaVar Arrington had seven tackles in his return to the defense last Sunday.

➜ **KING OF NEW YORK:** Either the Washington Redskins or the New York Giants will walk out of Sunday's game (1 p.m. on Fox) in first place of the NFC East.

➜ **CHOPPED DOWN TO SIZE:** Lost in last year's disappointing season for Maryland's football team was a win over Florida State. Can the Terps repeat their performance on Saturday (3:30 p.m. on ESPN)?

➜ **TWO IN A ROW?** Can the Washington Capitals ride the momentum of Wednesday night's win into a game Friday (7:30 p.m. on Comcast) against the 2003 Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning? Saturday's game in Florida was canceled.

➜ **FIRED UP:** D.C. United's season is on the line in the second leg of their playoff series against the Chicago Fire on Sunday (4:30 p.m. on ESPN2). Freddy Adu is set to return after his suspension as a extra highlight.



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➜ **AND THE TONY GOES TOO ...** As the Chase for the Nextel Cup heads into Hampton, Ga., for the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 Sunday (12:30 p.m. on NBC), Tony Stewart is in the points lead.

➜ **MILE HIGH:** The Philadelphia Eagles visit the Denver Broncos Sunday (4:15 p.m. on Fox) in what is arguably the game of the week.

GOLF | **One of the Girls** French golfer Jean Van de Velde will attempt to enter next year's Women's British Open because he is upset women may qualify for the 2006 British Open. "I'll even wear a kilt and shave my legs," said Van de Velde, who six years ago botched a chance for a British Open title in one of the great collapses in a major. Recent policy set by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club will allow women to qualify for next year's British Open. "My whole point is where do we draw the line?" Van de Velde asked Thursday. (AP)

The Air Up There

PRO PICKS | The Denver Broncos are good at taking leads, then letting them melt away, although until last week it didn't cost them. They better not get a lead and play soft Sunday, when the Philadelphia Eagles — the third NFC East foe for the Broncos in their last four games — come to Denver. The Broncos are favored by 3½ points, probably because they're 4-0 at home. **BRONCOS 24-23.**

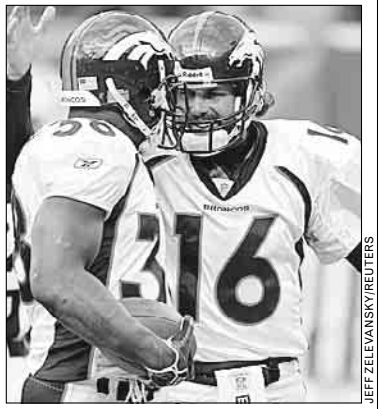
➜ **WASHINGTON** (plus 2½) at **N.Y. GIANTS.** Giants are not the 49ers. **GIANTS, 24-20.**

➜ **CHICAGO** (plus 3) at **DETROIT.** Yes, one of these teams will be over .500 after the game. **LIONS, 9-8.**

➜ **BALTIMORE** (plus 9) at **PITTSBURGH** (Monday night). No Ed Reed, no Ray Lewis. Help! **STEELERS, 27-3.**

➜ **KANSAS CITY** (plus 6) at **SAN DIEGO.** The Chargers could be 5-2 or 6-1 with a few breaks instead of 3-4 and desperate. **CHARGERS, 27-24.**

➜ **MINNESOTA** (plus 7½) at **CAROLINA.** The Vikings are 0-3 on the road and have been outscored 95-21 away from the Dome, an average of 32-7. **PANTHERS, 32-7.**



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Denver always seems to take early leads. Keeping them is their problem.

➜ **GREEN BAY** (plus 8½) at **CINCINNATI.** The Packers have too many injuries to exploit Cincinnati's problems against the run. **BENGALS, 31-20.**

➜ **ARIZONA** (plus 8½) at **DALLAS.** A furious Tuna translates to a Cowboys win. But only one game — that shocking blowout of Philly — has been decided by more than a touchdown. **COWBOYS, 15-11.**

➜ **BUFFALO** (plus 8) at **NEW ENGLAND.** Two weeks for Bill Belichick to prepare means problems for the Bills. **PATRIOTS, 30-17.** DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

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Reggie Bush and USC are about to join elite company with their winning streak.

Trojans' Broken Record

COLLEGE PICKS | Southern California is a win away from catching Texas.

In the Bowl Championship Series standings? Well, maybe, but who can figure that stuff out.

More definitively, the Trojans will be shooting for their 30th straight victory Saturday against Washington State — a mark that would tie the Longhorns for the 11th best winning streak in major college football history.

Of the 11 teams that have won at least 30 consecutive games, only three have played in the last 35 years.

Miami's 34-game streak from 2000-2003 was the most recent. Toledo won 35 straight from 1969-71, overlapping with the Longhorns' 1968-70 streak. Yale had two 37-game winning streaks, one from 1890-93 and the other from 1887-89. Penn had a 34-game winning streak and a 31-game streak in the late 19th century.

➜ **WASHINGTON STATE** (minus 30) at No. 1 **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.** Trojans don't leave California the rest of the regular season. **USC 55-21.**

➜ No. 2 **TEXAS** (minus 37) at **OKLAHOMA STATE.** Cowboys went up 35-7 on'Horns last year before Texas rallied to win. **TEXAS 49-10.**

➜ No. 4 **GEORGIA** (plus 4½) vs. No. 16 **FLORIDA.** Georgia can clinch the SEC East with a win. **FLORIDA 17-14.**

➜ **MARYLAND** (plus 17) at No. 10 **FLORIDA STATE.** Terps snapped a 14-game losing streak to FSU last season. **FLORIDA STATE 30-10.**

➜ No. 25 **MICHIGAN** (minus 3) at No. 21 **NORTHWESTERN.** Wildcats have allowed only five sacks. **MICHIGAN 44-39.** RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

A Fun House In Washington

FOR SEVEN YEARS, Norv Turner made sure the Redskins games were entertaining. Unfortunately, the team lost most of those games.

A year later, the Redskins played sound football under Marty Schottenheimer, who managed to win eight of his last 11 games in Washington.

Unfortunately, those games were as enjoyable as a Cubs reunion is going to be this winter in Chicago.

Two years of Steve Spurrier and one year with Joe Gibbs later, the Redskins have finally gotten it right.

Excuses and apologies are no longer needed by Redskins fans.

Eleven years of rust melted away, Gibbs has Washington playing great. Last week's blowout, admittedly against the lackluster 49ers, looked like a replay of the 1991 championship team.

Excuses and apologies are no longer needed by Redskins fans. Their team is good.

But there's a catch. There always is.

The playoffs are by no means a guarantee, because as good as the Redskins are, the NFC East is better. All four teams look postseason bound so far, though arithmetic dictates at least one will be left in the cold.

We'll find out in the next two weeks if Washington's hopes are based on the fool's gold being sold in San Francisco or if it's time to get serious about this team.

No one's expecting the Redskins to beat the Giants Sunday and Eagles the following week, but losing both could be devastating.

It's going to be a fun couple of weeks.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

Personal Business

Pierce reveals anger over Redskins letting him go to the Giants

KATHY WILLENS/AP

You won't like Antonio Pierce when he's angry. Ask Denver TE Jeb Putzier.

REDSKINS | Come about 4 p.m. Sunday, Antonio Pierce hopes to have demonstrated to the Washington Redskins that they were foolish to let him slip away to free agency earlier this year.

On Wednesday, the New York Giants' fifth-year linebacker put his feelings into words.

"It's hard when you've been there for four years and you've put a lot of time and work in with one team," Pierce said. "You don't want to move around. But at the same time you want to feel appreciated, and I think the coaches appreciated me, but I don't think other people in the front office appreciated me."

As the Giants prepare to face Washington in a key NFC East battle Sunday — both are tied for first place in the division at 4-2 along with Philadelphia — Pierce has more than the usual motivation of a player facing his former team.

The 6-foot-1, 240-pounder out of Arizona is considered one of the most intelligent players in the league by his current and former coaches. As a starter for the first time last season in Washington, Pierce led the team with 160 tackles and was instrumental in helping the Redskins defense improve from No. 25 in the NFL to No. 3.

That made it even more disappointing when the Redskins failed to re-sign him in the offseason. It opened the door for the Giants to pay him $26 million over 6 years, and he has become the bulwark of their defense.

Pierce is still rankled by what he considers a lack of respect by the Redskins.

"I had no intentions of leaving," he said. "But it comes to a point where you see so many people coming and going in the organization and you just want to be treated as fairly as other people when you've put in the time and effort." DAVID PORTER (AP)

DreamTeam

FANTASY FOOTBALL | BY CHRIS MINCHER

Offense Only Half the Story

WHEN TRYING to figure out which players might perform, fantasy managers often meticulously analyze the offensive system and the players in it. Common conclusions: A quarterback's a good bet if he has good wide receivers, and vice versa. If a quarterback's bad, that might make the running back good.

But a manager can only get the full picture by taking into account a team's defense as well. The amount of stats your players will acquire depends greatly on how much time they're on the field — and it's a team's defense that plays a big role in that.

Keeping defenses in mind, here are the picks for this week.

SOMETHING FROM NOTHING

➜ **MARK CLAYTON, WR, BALTIMORE RAVENS.** With Baltimore's defense racked with injury, the Steelers will find ways to score, and the Ravens will need big plays to stay in the game.

PAUL CONNORS/AP

Josh McCown can pick up major points with a strong receiver corps.

➜ **JOSH MCCOWN, QB, ARIZONA CARDINALS.** McCown isn't afraid to use his arm to gun it to his fantastic wide receiving corps.

LOST AND GONE FOREVER

➜ **JOEY HARRINGTON, QB, DETROIT LIONS.** Steve Mariucci has finally gotten the green light to get someone else under center. Now it's time to slowly wade into the pool of obscurity.

➜ **ANTOWAIN SMITH, RB, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS.** Smith delighted with a TD double in the first game without Deuce McAllister. But Aaron Stecker has more carries so far — even on a problematic Achilles' tendon.

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D.C. United and the Chicago Fire will play the second leg of their series on Sunday.

United Anxious To Make a Point

UNITED | The Freddy Adu controversy is over, at least until the off-season, leaving D.C. United with no choice but to ponder something far more troubling — the team's inability to generate any attack last week in Chicago and the possibility of an abrupt end to its championship defense Sunday at RFK Stadium.

A scoreless draw in the away leg of the home-and-home series leaves United (16-10-7) and the visiting Fire (15-13-5) with everything to play for this weekend. If D.C. is unable to get a few decent scoring chances, a campaign that began with promise will be considered a failure by some.

"That's for sure," midfielder Josh Gros. "We've obviously proven we can win big games and we expect nothing less in this game. We've got to take it to them, just like we always do."

If Gros was referring to United's performance against Chicago this season, he's onto something. D.C. tallied 11 goals on the Fire this season, by far the most against any opponent. But United has failed to score in four all-time playoff matchups with Chicago, including last weekend.

Ben Olsen's absence (calf strain), Adu's suspension and Jamil Walker's late entry did not help matters, but United should have everyone available Sunday.

Coach Peter Nowak is aware of what is expected of his team.

"We know what we can do," he said. "We are ready to play and if we are focused then of course we can give our fans what we're supposed to give." BRIAN STRAUS

Leading Man

Maryland's Jackson goes to Florida State as nation's top tackler

TERPS FOOTBALL | William Kershaw didn't believe him.

He didn't believe fellow Maryland linebacker D'Qwell Jackson could actually run with the ball back in high school — could juke a little, make guys miss and, if not, run right over them.

It took a trip to Jackson's Largo, Fla., hometown over spring break to make him a believer.

"I used to always brag about how I returned a punt [for a touchdown] my senior year," Jackson said. "He never believed me so I let him watch the film."

Kershaw shouldn't have doubted him. He should have remembered that play against Florida State in Tallahassee in 2003 when Jackson intercepted quarterback Chris Rix and returned it 58 yards for a touchdown. He was there. He saw it.

"Honestly, that was probably the highlight of my career," Jackson said. "It got everybody else believing that I could actually play."

Now, everyone knows he can play.

The nation's leading tackler will be back in Tallahassee on Saturday when Maryland takes on the 10th-ranked Florida State (6-1) in a game that will either put the Terrapins in position to earn a spot in the first Atlantic Coast Conference championship game or essentially eliminate them from the running. At 4-3 overall, 2-2 in the conference, the Terps are a game back of Atlantic Division foes Florida State and Boston College in the loss column with games against both coming up.

Last week, Jackson — the team's captain two straight years — gathered his teammates around for a short speech to let them know the importance of this stretch of games. He may offer a reminder on Saturday.

"When D'Qwell talks, everybody listens," cornerback Josh Wilson said. "If he's saying something, it's time for us to fly right and get ready to go." DEREK TURNER

JOEL RICHARDSON/TWP

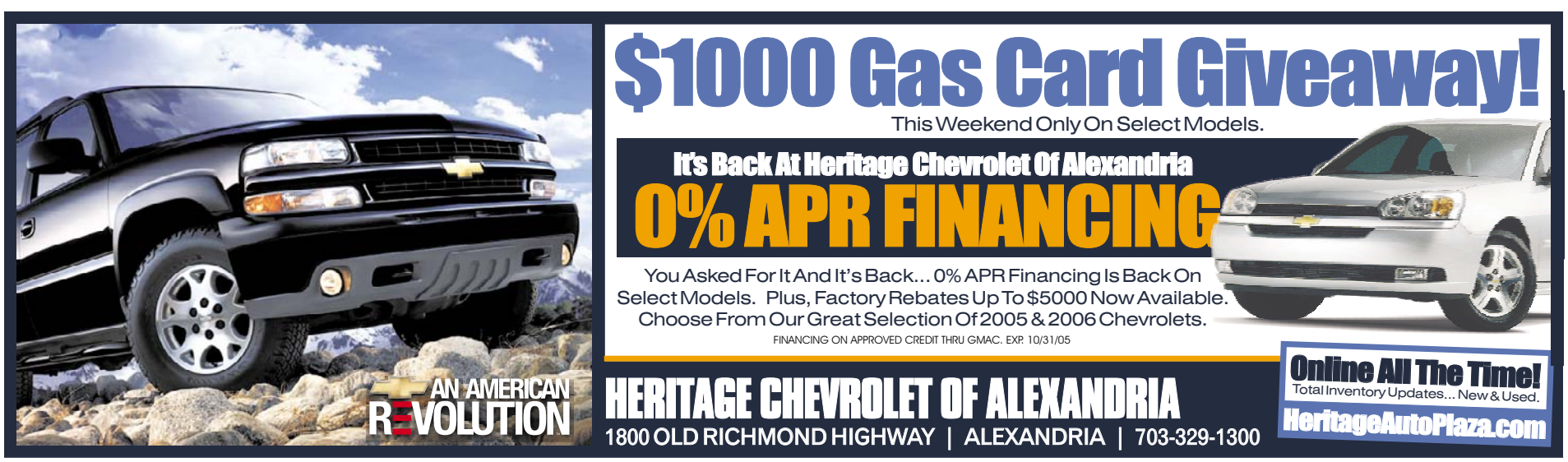
OUT OF HIS SHELL: D'Qwell Jackson has been Maryland's captain two straight years.

3 BURNING QUESTIONS

➜ **Who's Under Center?** With starting QB Sam Hollenbach nursing a sore shoulder, backup Joel Statham, who led the Terps to their first-ever win against Florida State last year, may start.

➜ **Can Secondary Be First Rate?** Florida State's Drew Weatherford leads the ACC in passing.

➜ **Will Vernon Davis Break Out?** The Terps' standout tight end had just four catches for 48 yards against Virginia Tech.



How Sweep It Is

White Sox celebrate their first title in 88 years

WORLD SERIES | Wearing a wide, satisfied smile on a face flushed with pride, Ozzie Guillen stood off to the side by the third base line and simply watched his White Sox rejoice in the middle of the field.

Chicago's exuberant young manager might have enjoyed sprinting toward that cluster of jubilant players and leaping right into the fray.

He passed.

But don't think for a moment he didn't relish this long-overdue championship as much as every diehard fan on the South Side.

"People thought I was going to be jumping around my players. I have to respect the opposite team," the 41-year-old Guillen said. "It went through my mind to say, 'I'm so glad to see my boys, my players jumping back and forth and celebrating this.' Because it was an amazing feeling seeing them like little kids."

Chicago completed a World Series sweep with a 1-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night, becoming the second consecutive set of Sox to end a title drought that dated all the way back to World War I.

Their first title in 88 years certainly didn't come easily. The gritty White Sox had to scratch and claw for every win all year, and October was no different.

That's what makes their dominant run through the postseason so remarkable. With stellar pitching, solid defense, timely hitting — and even some help from the umpires — Chicago joined the 1999 New York Yankees as the only teams to go 11-1 in the postseason since the extra round of playoffs was added in '95. MIKE FITZPATRICK (AP)

AMY SANCETTA/AP

88 years later, the White Sox celebrated a World Series title on Wednesday.

HARAZ GHANBARI/AP

GM Jim Bowden will make personnel moves until the Nats have an owner.

Bowden Sticking Around

Nationals GM given a 6-month extension as team waits on owner

NATIONALS | General manager Jim Bowden was given a six-month contract extension by the Washington Nationals on Thursday, a deal that allows him to oversee offseason moves while new ownership is pending.

Bowden's old contract was set to expire Monday; the new one lasts through the end of April. The Arizona Diamondbacks had been granted permission to talk to Bowden about their general manager opening.

He was hired by the Expos-turned-Nationals last November as an interim GM, and Washington went 81-81 in his first season with the club, a 14-win improvement from the 2004 season.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Jim this past season and look forward to working with him over the next several months," team president Tony Tavares said in a statement issued by the club.

In other moves announced Thursday, Bob Boone was promoted to interim senior director of player development and assistant general manager, Andy Dunn became interim farm director, and Scott Little field coordinator. HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

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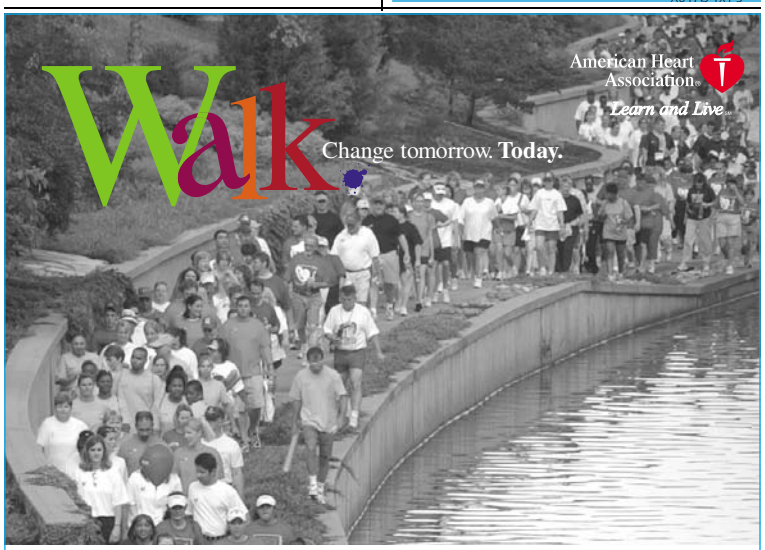

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Nicolas Cage mopes about his privileged life in 'Weather Man'

FILM | A day without sunshine is like Nicolas Cage's strange, sullen movie "The Weather Man," an exercise in cheerlessness and discontent that offers up the world's most self-absorbed whiner and expects you to like him.

Here's a guy who makes $240,000 a year for what he acknowledges is the easiest of jobs, smirking and reading weather forecasts off the prompter on Chicago TV. Yet all this chump does is groan and moan about how hard his life is and how nothing goes his way.

This is a pampered weasel so bizarrely preoccupied with his own mostly imagined travails that you'll likely react with indignation rather than sympathy over his sighing and sobbing.

Cage clearly saw something more to the character and plays him with earnestness, though it ends up a largely two-dimensional labor of gloom and anguish.

What salvages "The Weather Man" from time to time is the grand presence of Michael Caine as Cage's father, whose own real drama is so engrossing and heartfelt, you wish he were the main man.

Cage's David Spritz is unhappy over his divorce and pressures his ex-wife (Hope Davis) to get back together even though she's involved with another man (Michael Rispoli). He also has troubles with the kids.

Always feeling inferior to his father (Caine), a Pulitzer Prize-winning scholar who was a buddy to world leaders in his day, David now must cope with his father's terminal cancer.

If the filmmakers are trying to convey the message that no matter how great your material success, you still can be an unhappy SOB, fine, they've achieved their goal. But who among the workaday world, struggling with many or more problems of their own, wants to see a rich, spoiled weatherman gripe about his sorry lot?

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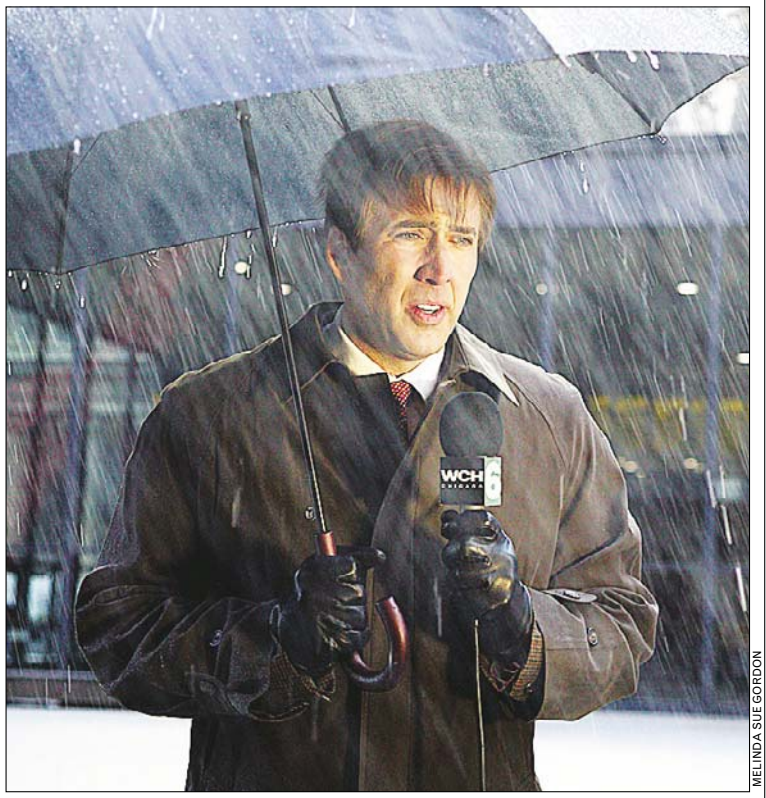

MELINDA SUE GORDON

MISERABLE FORECAST: Cage's dreariness is partly redeemed by Michael Caine.

'Saw II': More Gore Galore

If you're out for blood, this gruesome sequel's got plenty

FILM | Like its predecessor, "Saw II" is a bloody mess in more ways than one. If you're a fan of last year's low-budget horror hit "Saw," though, you'll likely not mind the frantic mess of the filmmaking.

The squeamish should stay away, as "Saw II" piles on even more gory deaths and gruesome scenes of mutilation than the original. Yet it's marginally better on the strength of an understated performance by Tobin Bell, reprising his role as the diabolical slayer known as Jigsaw.

This time, his Jigsaw character has orchestrated a grand finale to teach a terrible morality lesson to a cop on his trail, detective Eric Mathews (Donnie Wahlberg).

Mathews and his colleagues apprehend Jigsaw early on, only to discover he has trapped eight people in a home filled with deadly gas. Clues are scattered about to direct the victims to syringes containing an antidote, but the house also is fitted with grisly devices of torture and death if the prisoners take a wrong step.

The director's background in music videos and commercials shows clearly, with an assault of quick cuts and visual commotion. There's little for the actors in the house to do but grow shriller as the clock ticks toward their doom.

Bell's Jigsaw is a creepily unflappable presence, his hushed performance offering welcome quiet moments amid everyone else's shrieking.

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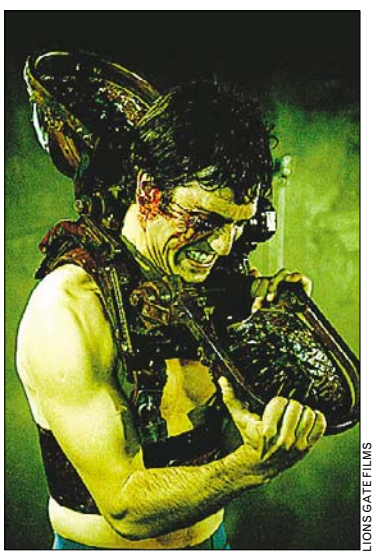

LIONS GATE FILMS

IT'S A TRAP: An unlucky prisoner of Jigsaw finds himself in a conundrum.

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's Washington Post.

No Great Bargain: Desson Thomson keeps peering at the stylish "Shopgirl," based on Steve Martin's low-key romantic novella, but can't find any there there. | *Weekend*

'Prime' Time: Boy meets somewhat older woman, who's the therapy patient of boy's mom. Sex, spilled secrets and mama-shock ensue in the enjoyable "Prime." Desson Thomson reviews. | *Style*

The Mark of Zzzz ...: Stephen Hunter finds lots of running around but not much action as Antonio Banderas and Catherine Zeta-Jones reunite for "The Legend of Zorro." | *Weekend*

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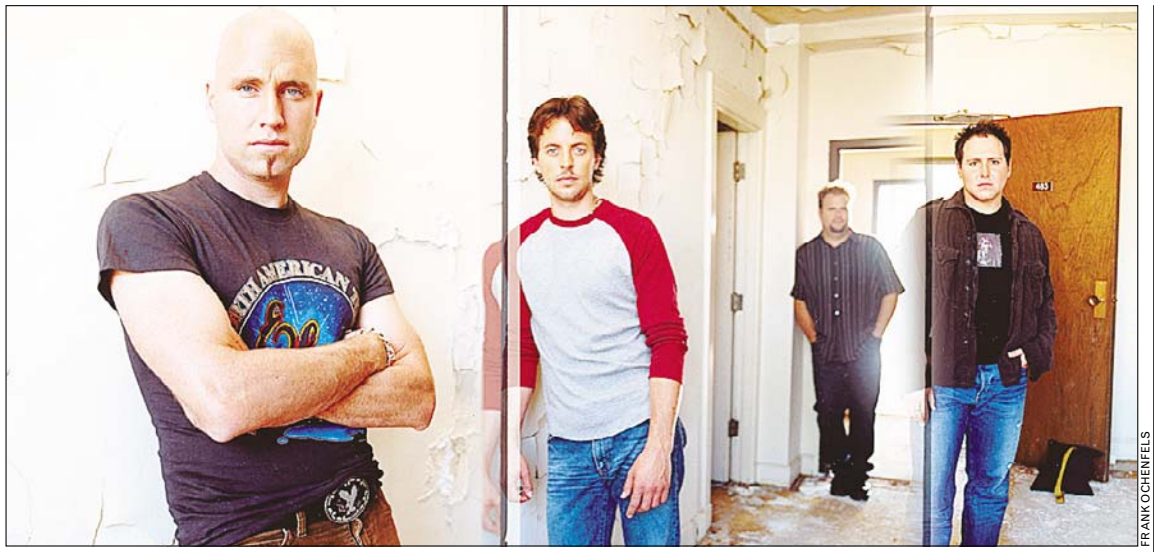
FRIDAY

Singer-songwriter **NANCI GRIFFITH** doesn't push the envelope, but has picked up legions of fans over the last three decades. Finishing up the last gig of a sold-out three-night stand tonight at the Birchmere, Griffith remains one of the biggest draws in the folk scene.

New York City new wave vets **THE FLESHTONES** may inspire a rare spectacle tonight at Iota — a local rock audience engaged in unabashed dancing. The retro garage-rockabilly guys are still cranking out energy-charged tunes nearly 30 years after their inception.

Local promoters MN8 are hosting a Masquerade Ball at Black Cat's mainstage with dynamic Latin funk/dance group **LOS AMIGOS INVISIBLES** and **DJ AFRO**.

The 9:30 Club opens its doors at 4 p.m. today for a Christian punk-pop After School Special featuring **MXPX, RELIENT K, RUFIO** and **OVER IT**. After kicking out the presumably well-behaved high schoolers, doors re-open at 10 p.m. for a more mature bill featuring Philly neo-soul acts **JAGUAR WRIGHT** and **KINDRED THE FAMILY SOUL**.



FRANK OCHENFELS

LOOKING UP: Vertical Horizon and other middle-of-the-road '90s band makes for aural comfort food at 9:30 on Saturday.

MARK BAPTISTE

Hip-hop's voice of the people Common is hosting a Halloween bash at H20.

If you're a fan of challenging avant-garde music, this weekend holds many treats thanks to the second 20 Buck Spin Festival, beginning tonight at Warehouse Next Door with doom metal favorites **UNEARTHLY TRANCE** and other solid psych-metal groups like **MOUTHUS** and **TEST-SITE**.

SATURDAY

The 20 Buck Spin Festival continues tonight at DC9 with another big-time lineup of stoner rock featuring local heavy-hitters **WOOLY MAMMOTH, DISTANT SUN, RPG** and many more. Doors open at 5 p.m. and cover is only $12 for nine bands.

For a completely different concert experience, cross U Street to 9:30 Club for Z104's Bosom Ball. For those of you whose music collection hasn't changed much since 1997, bands like **HOOTIE & THE BLOWFISH, BETTER THAN EZRA** and **VERTICAL HORIZON** will be good comfort food.

Post-hardcore group **MEDICATIONS**, at Black Cat's mainstage tonight, consists of former Faraquet members and other Dischord vets. Backstage at Black Cat is **RAZZMATAZZ**, a Britpop costume party. Just don't show up as Liam Gallagher — the costume's been claimed.

DC knows how to celebrate Halloween, and the **FOGGY BOTTOM NIGHTMARE** on M Street pub crawl is always a good bet. Conscientious rapper **COMMON** hosts H20's Halloween party and many local bars are hosting costume contests and slashing drink prices.

SUNDAY

HANSON is back. The band of brothers has tried to re-invent itself as an indie-pop collective. We're sure the screams will be just as loud at the sold-out 9:30 Club tonight as they were eight years ago. Vanilla-rock locals **PAT MCGEE BAND** open.

KANYE "GEORGE BUSH DOESN'T CARE ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE" WEST rode a wave of controversy to avoid the dreaded sophomore slump and reap resounding success for his new album, "Late Registration." Kanye takes his politics and hook-filled hip-hop to the Patriot Center with American Idol winner **FANTASIA**.

The 20 Buck Spin Festival comes to a close tonight at DC9 with psychedelic Japanese freaks **DMBQ** headlining, it features equally outrageous **AN ALBATROSS** and local indies **THE APES** in support. PETER DENTON

Small Screen Shivers

The jokily named 'Masters of Horror' terrify on television

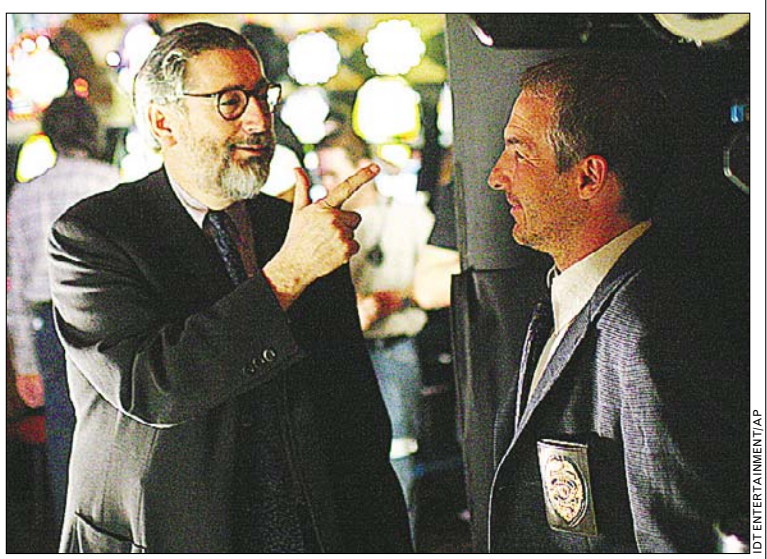
CREEPSHOW | In Don Coscarelli's "Incident On and Off a Mountain Road," a seemingly defenseless woman gets to practice her survival skills against a serial killer. In Mick Garris' "Chocolate," a man experiences life through the eyes of a mysterious lady. And in Joe Dante's "Homecoming," deceased U.S. soldiers in Iraq rise from the grave to vote out the politicians who sent them there.

All are pieces of Showtime's "Masters of Horror" series, premiering Friday night at 10 p.m. — 13 original stories helmed by noted creep-show directors, including John Landis, John Carpenter, Tobe Hooper and Guillermo del Toro.

"I had always thought it would be great to get the guys who know the most about making horror effectively to do an anthology series," said show creator Garris, the director of such screamers as Stephen King's "The Stand" and King's upcoming "Desperation" miniseries.

The concept grew out of a series of dinners that the directors attended, organized by Garris.

The first dinner was held at an Italian restaurant in the San Fernando Valley. The ensemble's name — and later the series title — grew out of a self-effacing joke.



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DIRECTING DREAD: John Landis, left, one of the self-named Masters of Horror, with actor Brian Benben on the set of Landis' "Deer Woman" for Showtime.

"There was a lady at the next table celebrating her birthday," recalled Garris, "and Guillermo stood up and told her, 'The Masters of Horror wish you a happy birthday!' We all sang 'Happy Birthday' to her, and thereafter, Landis would do joke headlines — 'The Masters of Horror Have Dessert!' or 'The Masters of Horror Go Bowling!'"

Garris' goal with the Showtime series was to provide a venue for directors to make, essentially, one-hour horror movies for television with no studio interference.

The shows have a feature-film look. Hooper, for example, presents a "rattling of images, like the way our dreams are, where we can't quite remember them" — imagery not found on typical TV series.

As Garris said, "There are so many flavors of horror film here that we have a real diversity on display." MATT HURWITZ (AP)

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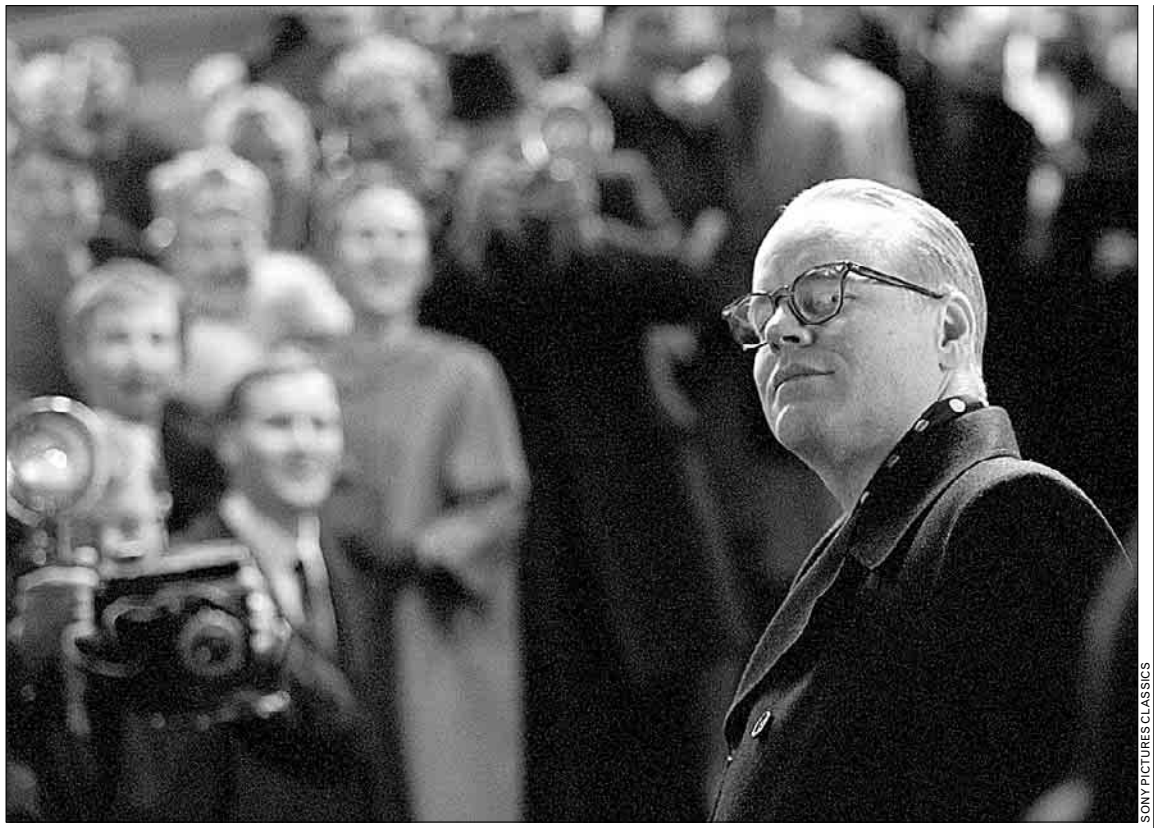
THE ARISTOCRATS (Unrated, 87 minutes) The joke whose punch line lends this documentary its title isn't especially funny. Filthy, yes, but not a laugh riot, except in the way its structure lends itself to extended riffs of jazz-like improvisation on the part of the 100 or so comedians who line up to tell it. What makes us laugh is the joke's sheer excess. Far more fascinating, however, than its many tellings and retellings, is the footage of comics talking about the joke, which has been a staple of backstage banter between comedians since vaudeville. (MO)

CAPOTE (R, 98 minutes) It is a comical image: fey, mincing, piping little Truman Capote in his vicuna coat and cashmere scarf tiptoeing around the bleak wheatfield burg of Holcomb, Kan., in the wake of some horrific murders about which he admits he doesn't really care. As Capote, Philip Seymour Hoffman makes you believe in the man: an artist's personality, ruthless and shrewd; a hysteric's delicate grasp of his emotions; a charmer whose wiles could wear down even the wary Kansas lawmen. The movie is astringent, almost shorn of rhetoric. It makes its points in brief scenes simply composed, without fretwork or flash. The writer and director, Dan Futterman and Bennett Miller, give the movie a minimalist's purity, which feels refreshing in this age of excess. (SH)

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG, 115 minutes) Johnny Depp's oddball eccentricity as Willy Wonka is an unsettling amalgam of Michael Jackson, Edward Scissorhands and Lisa Kudrow's Phoebe from "Friends." But there are other watchable delights: Wonka's factory is a wonderland of chocolate lakes and candy-grass banks. There are some hilarious routines performed by the diminutive Oompa Loompas. And Freddie Highmore is a charmer as Charlie, the poor kid who wins a ticket to tour Wonka's factory. (DT)

THE CONSTANT GARDENER (R, 123 minutes) Vivid performances drive Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles' fine adaptation of the John Le Carre novel. Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes), a mild-mannered junior diplomat in Kenya, is shattered when his wife, Tessa (Rachel Weisz), is violently murdered on a "research trip" far up country. He learns quickly enough that Tessa had acquired a "reputation" in the tight world of British diplomacy. The movie chronicles Justin's growth as he begins to understand what sort of a woman he had married. The quick evocations of diplomatic life, corporate dealings and even the world of anonymous travel off-passport are splendidly done. (SH)

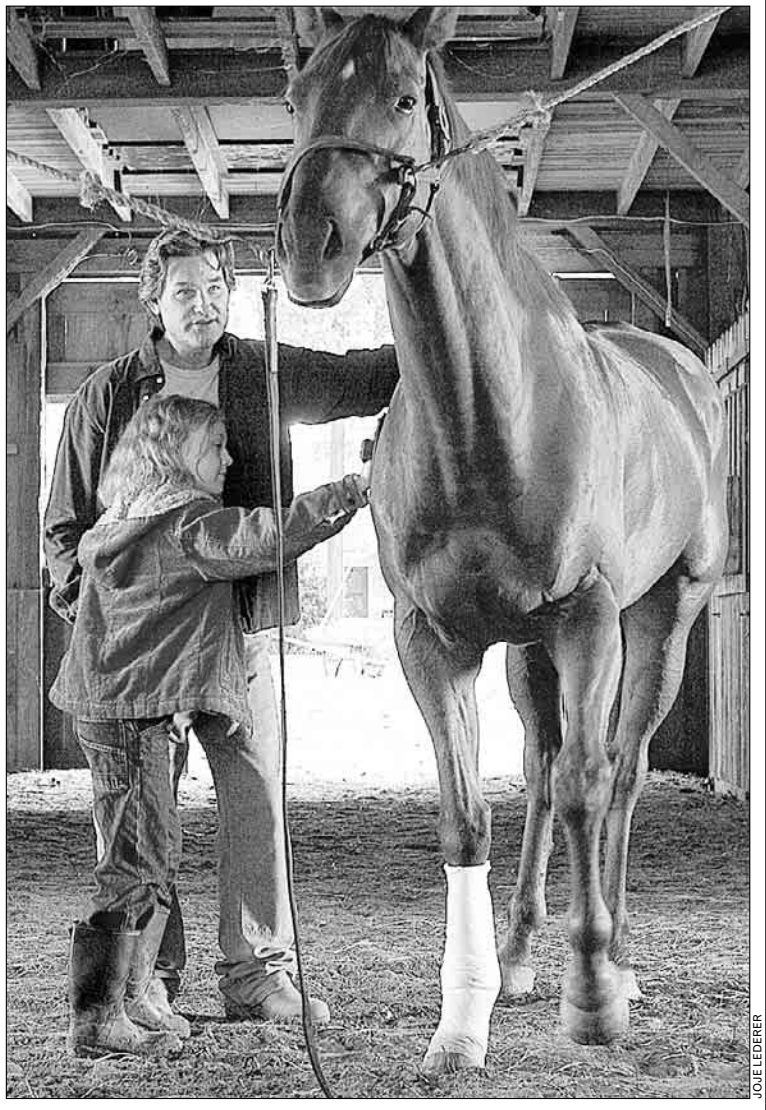


SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

FULLY ROUNDED: As "Capote," Philip Seymour Hoffman cuts through the caricature to find the artist and the human being.

DOMINO (R, 128 minutes) It seems the only true thing about this movie, which begins with the disclaimer that it is based on a true story . . . "sort of," is the name of its title character, the daughter of actor Laurence Harvey who embarked on a troubled girlhood and ended up as a bounty hunter. The film pivots around an ill-fated gig that Domino (Keira Knightley) is explaining to an FBI psychologist (Lucy Liu), entailing lots of doubling and tripling back in time. The effect is edgy, tough and sneakily seductive, as Domino plies her trade, using whatever it takes — assault weapons or lap dances — to get her man. There's a manic kind of pleasure in all this, but it turns out to be a tiresome trip. (AH)

DOOM (R, 95 minutes) A square-jawed, bull-necked leader Sarge (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson) heads a rapid response team of Marines dispatched to investigate a calamity at a remote scientific facility on Mars. The killer mutants they find there will be familiar to the many fans of Doom, the video game that has been keeping people in the house since 1993. The Rock is an enjoyable presence; another character called Portman (Richard Brake), a funny futuristic griper, is good for a few chuckles. Karl Urban makes an empathetic Reaper, the ultimate hero of the story, whose transformative finale the audience sees from that first-person perspective of the game. But for the most part, "Doom" is a loud, standard-issue sci-fi action film. (DT)



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JUST SAY NEIGH: All interested parties need to know about "Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story" is in its title and the presence of Dakota Fanning and a horsie.

DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG, 98 minutes) This horse-race drama, in which young Cale Crane (Dakota Fanning) nurses a wounded horse back to racing shape, harnesses the Rules of Cute and Fuzzy Horse Movies (temporary setbacks, underdog horses, stand-up-and-cheer moments) and rides them all the way to the Breeders' Cup. But will her formerly hobbled horse win, despite the terrible odds, when Cale has staked all her hopes and dreams into that special horse (named Dreamer)? Writer-director John Gatins and his actors also fulfill the engaging-family requirement. (DT)

ELIZABETHTOWN (PG-13, 123 minutes) Cameron Crowe's misfired romance features Orlando Bloom as recently fired shoe designer Drew Baylor and Kristen Dunst as life-affirmative flight attendant Claire, who meets him on the plane he has to take to Elizabethtown, Ky. (His father has just died there.) Drew is mopey and despondent and contemplating suicide. Claire gives him directions to Elizabethtown and to her big, home-fried heart. There's not much specialness between Bloom and Dunst, other than the surface appeal of two attractive people making (or almost making) kissy face. Sweet delay before the inevitable coupling is a mainstay in every romance, but Crowe turns that delay into the waiting room from hell. (DT)

FLIGHTPLAN (PG-13, 88 minutes) In Alfred Hitchcock's 1938 thriller, "The Lady Vanishes," the conveyance on which she disappeared was a train. In "Flightplan," a small child disappears on a jumbo jet, with all sorts of compartments, bays and hidey-holes for a little kid to crawl into, and the movie gives viewers the impression of being on that plane as Jodie Foster — playing the girl's desperate mother, who may or may not be mentally unhinged — tries to lead her fellow passengers in a search. Striking just the right balance between claustrophobia and terrifying emptiness, the young German director Robert Schwentke ratchets up the tension with good taste and quiet, unfussy skill. It all falls apart with the Big Reveal. (AH)

THE FOG (PG-13, 100 Minutes) There may be more narrative explanation and higher-priced special effects in this remake of horrormeister John Carpenter's 1980 ghost story, but there are far fewer chills, plenty of dead spots and some genuinely bad acting. A peaceful and prosperous

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SOFT ROCK: The fact that video-game adaptation "Doom" was the No. 1 movie last weekend but only brought in about $15 million may spell doom for theaters.

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island community off the Oregon coast plans to honor its founding fathers with the unveiling of a statue. Not so fast, though. A boatload of vengeful 19th-century spirits rises from the sea and moves upon the place in a roiling, spectral, insidious fog that picks and chooses where it will seep, engulf and kill. Contains stabbings, drownings, people on fire, pierced by glass shards or just plain disintegrating. (JANE HORWITZ)

THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R, 111 minutes) Filthy, funny and sweet in equal measure, the feature directorial debut of writer-producer Judd Apatow is a Rob Schneider movie with the soul of a chick flick. That's not actually fair. While it's true that the comedy — revolving around the efforts of three friends (Paul Rudd, Romany Malco and Seth Rogen) to get their geeky nice-guy co-worker (Steve Carell) deflowered — has a lot of smutty humor, it's also pretty smart. In the end, the organ it's really all about exercising is the human heart. (MO)

G (R, 96 minutes) This contrived exercise in vanity and product placement is being billed as a modern-day, hip-hop version of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel "The Great Gatsby." Summer G (Richard T. Jones) is a hip-hop producer who has amassed a fortune and moved into a seaside mansion. True to Fitzgerald's original story, G has moved there to win the affection of a social climber who is the love of his life, a woman named Sky Hightower (Chenoa Maxwell), wife of snobby scion Chip (Blair Underwood). Things go wrong, really wrong —the plot is a shambles, the acting is atrocious and there is too much concern with getting certain brand labels in the shot. (AH)

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. Clooney casts himself as Murrow's producer, Fred W. Friendly, but hardly registers. Neither do any of the other CBS minions, even though they're played by such names as Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr. and Patricia Clarkson. Only two people register, David Strathairn as Murrow and Joe McCarthy as Joe McCarthy. Strathairn dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

GOSPEL (PG, 105 minutes) David Taylor (Boris Kodjoe), a successful, egotistical R&B star, returns to his estranged father, Pastor Fred Taylor (Clifton Powell), to find him suffering from a terminal illness. Not only that, David's longtime enemy Frank (Idris Elba) is poised to assume the bishop's duties. Should David return to his music life or deal with more urgent matters? Intended for gospel and faith-appreciating audiences, this is a movie about the struggles for virtuousness in a world of temptation and compromise. Unfortunately, Rob Hardy's writing and directing don't soar quite as high as his spiritual intentions. (DT)

THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED (PG, 120 minutes) The story was so strong, you wonder, why did the director (actor Bill Paxton) kill it to death and then wrap a four-iron around the corpse's neck with so many overwrought stratagems? Whether or not you agree that young amateur Francis Ouimet's playoff

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win in that event over two stalwart British pros was the greatest game ever played, you have to say it was extraordinary. But Paxton can't let the superb performances carry the story. Everything is teased, tricked and forced. (SH)

A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R, 95 minutes) David Cronenberg's film has a hidden and powerful purpose. Seemingly a mainstream shoot-'em-up flick, in which the soft-spoken Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen) defends his family against a horde of hoodlums, the movie's really about our Pavlovian conditioning to violence. How did an unassuming diner owner dispatch the gunmen so effortlessly? Why do more gangsters keep coming for him? Ultimately, Cronenberg's drama isn't about Western-style heroism; it's about why we're cheering when Tom plugs them dead. (DT)

IN HER SHOES (PG-13, 131 minutes) In a pedestrian display of opposites, Rose (Toni Colette) has a law firm career, money and smarts but few men. Party girl Maggie (Cameron Diaz) lands the guys but always ends up drunk, penniless and miserable on Rose's sofa. When Maggie casually steals Rose's smooth-operator boss, Jim (Richard Burgi), sisterly tension becomes official breakup. The women branch off into self-discovery subplots. When the sisters meet again, it's not a harmonic convergence. It's just the end of 131 minutes. (DT)

WARNER BROS.

THE OUTLAW JOSIE AIMES: Charlize Theron plays a woman who stands up to The Man — and to the men — at a mine ruled by macho culture in "North Country."

INNOCENT VOICES (R, 120 minutes) In Luis Mandoki's tough and tender film, it's the 1980s and Chava's country is embroiled in a 12-year civil war. When boys turn 12, they're spirited away and pressed into the government army. If they return alive, they come back as hardened machines, their innocence lost. What makes the ordeal more acute for Chava (Carlos Padilla) is his natural empathy for the rebels, one of whom is his beloved uncle. Mandoki finds a satisfying blend of sentimentality and hardcore realism. (DT)

INTO THE BLUE (PG-13, 110 minutes) Never get between a shark and his coke stash. That's the lesson from the climactic scene of this waterlogged thriller, whose chief purpose otherwise seems to be allowing viewers to ogle some of Hollywood's tannest, buffest young things undulating sexily through the water, namely Paul Walker and Jessica Alba. (AH)

JUST LIKE HEAVEN (PG-13, 101 minutes) Mark Ruffalo has carved out a winning sideline as a scruffy, thoroughly charming romantic leading man, in this case the credible love interest for Reese Witherspoon. When David Abbott (Ruffalo) moves into a fantastic San Francisco apartment and is immediately told to move out by its former tenant — Elizabeth Martinson (Witherspoon), who three months earlier was hit head-on by a truck — their banter crackles with tart, unforced verve. In a bummer of a bait-and-switch, though, the whimsical romance undergoes a fatal shift in tone. (AH)

KIDS IN AMERICA (PG-13, 91 minutes) Those tapped into the gossip-sphere know about a girl-on-girl kiss between Nicole Richie and Caitlin Wachs, who plays Geena Davis's conservative daughter in television's "Commander in Chief." Richie is a blip in this comedy about a group of disparate high school students who band together to protest their tyrannical, free-speech-opposing principal, Ms. Weller (Julie Bowen). Short on real teenage angst, the film is long on caricatures. Any teenager who has felt put-upon by an overbearing administrator will appreciate the outcome. (JENNIFER FREY)

MARCH OF THE PENGUINS (G, 80 minutes) In this charmfest of a movie, narrator Morgan Freeman tells us about the habits and tremendous resilience of the emperor penguins, whose procreation

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NORTH COUNTRY (R, 130 minutes) Charlize Theron, as a fictionalized version of the first woman to file a sexual harassment lawsuit in the United States, proves her acting chops yet again in an engrossing, well-crafted story of a grave injustice avenged. This drama tells the story of Josey Aimes (Theron), a young woman who flees an abusive marriage with two kids in tow and takes a well-paying job at one of the mines in Minnesota's bleak Mesabi Iron Range. There, the women are routinely groped, verbally abused and physically threatened, culminating, in Josey's case, in a near-rape. Director Niki Caro's depiction of the unspoken tribal codes that hold an insular community together and the severe price of transgressing them is observant, even elegant. (AH)

RED EYE (PG-13, 85 minutes) Filmmaker Wes Craven's airplane-set thriller about a traveler (Rachel McAdams) held hostage by a smooth-talking criminal (Cillian Murphy) is a taut and supple entertainment, especially when it has nowhere to go but inside the characters' heads. Although it doesn't exactly fall apart in the film's final reel, when the action leaves the plane's cabin for the larger world, it does lose some of the pressure-cooker intensity of the film's first hour. (MO)

ROLL BOUNCE (PG-13, 107 minutes) If you were a junior-higher back in the '70s and early '80s, then your idea of a hot Saturday night was hanging out at the local roller rink, and director Malcolm Lee captures that time, with the insult-a-thons, the preening and posturing of polyester-clad lotharios and the angst of young love. And for the most part, he got the cast right. What Lee doesn't pull

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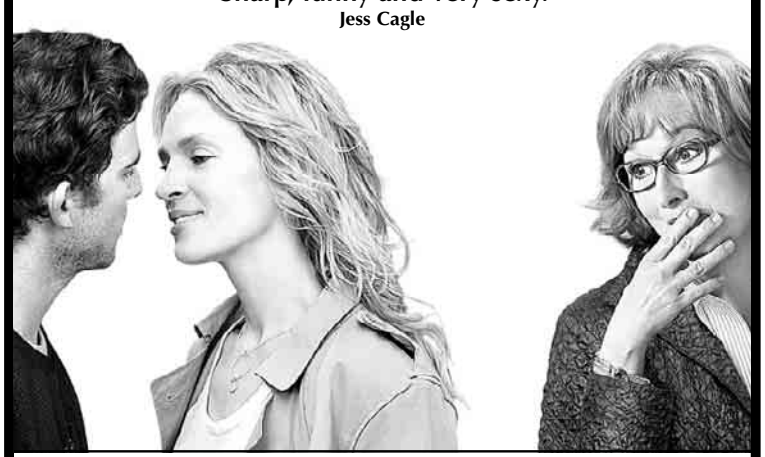

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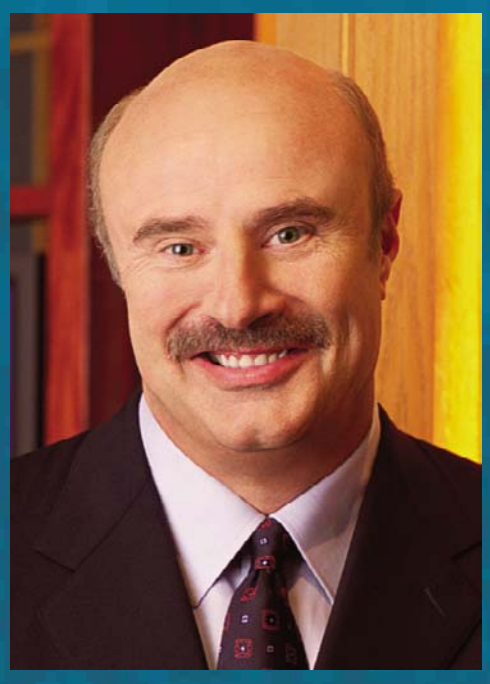

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off is the story. (TW)

SEPARATE LIES (R, 85 minutes) In this psycho-emotional thriller, three members of the English upper class behave terribly well when they find themselves in a spot of trouble involving adultery, manslaughter and obstruction of justice. The directorial debut by Julian Fellowes is all about restraint, good taste and discretion. Mendacity and avarice may form the toxic heart of the story, but they're nearly obscured by a civilized polish. (AH)

SERENITY (PG-13, 119 minutes) Thanks to "Firefly" fans' enthusiastic snapping up of the show's DVDs, Universal ponied up $40 million to bring back Capt. Malcolm "Mal" Reynolds (Nathan Fillion) and his lovable outer-space mercenaries. Writer-director Whedon has boiled off a lot of the complexity and introduced a new character, the ruthless Operative (Chiwetel Ejiofor), an agent for the Big-Brotherish federal government that runs Mal's galaxy. It's entertaining, especially because of Mal's colorful followers and Whedon's snappy, often poignant pen. (DT)

STAY (R, 99 minutes) In Marc Forster's stylish, ultimately empty film, we get a tip, a la "Carrie," from the background. As psychiatrist Sam Foster (Ewan McGregor) walks along with troubled patient Henry Letham (Ryan Gosling), students pour out of an auditorium behind them in strange groupings: They're wearing matching clothing or carrying the same briefcases. Unfortunately, that's the movie's subtlest touch. Sam's personal mission to stop art student Henry from committing suicide on his 21st birthday is just grist for re-peddled psychological artiness. When the movie finally "explains" everything, there is no relief, just a visually beautiful, yet completely unfulfilling, conclusion on the Brooklyn Bridge. (DT)

SKY HIGH (PG, 99 minutes) "Sky High" is a slight but sure-footed, live-action comic fantasy from Disney. Director Mike Mitchell deftly blends two genres — the high school romance and the special-effects-laden superhero comic book adaptation — and manages to spoof yet salute both with a refreshing lack of pretension. (JANE HORWITZ)

TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG, 76 minutes) Sure, she's cute, but she has an eye that pops out at inopportune moments, thanks to the talking maggot renting space in its socket. Not exactly marriage material, as Victor, voiced by Johnny Depp, discovers when he's dragged from the Land of the Living by the Corpse Bride (Helena Bonham Carter). Will true love with a living lass (Emily Watson) prevail over the Corpse Bride's determination? The movie is breathtaking viewing, shot in sumptuous shades of blacks, whites and grays; and wry with kitschy musical numbers. (TW)

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THE WALKING DEAD: Did Henry (Ryan Gosling) really walk away from that car crash or is something murkier going on? "Stay" has answers, but they're clichéd.

TWO FOR THE MONEY (R, 132 minutes) Al Pacino has played the dark mentor so many times, he ought to get a kingmaker's award. So when you see Pacino playing betting-firm capo Walter Abrams and leading ex-football player Brandon Lang (Matthew McConaughey) into the greedy underworld of high-stakes sports gambling, well, you know to expect certain things. Sure, "Two for the Money" takes us to the dark side, but it does so with such a fat dose of equivocation. (DT)

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umentary about the notorious killing in Mississippi in 1955, we see how a grieving mother created a landmark moment in American history. This is powerful material, but for a documentary that bills itself as "untold," director Kevin Beauchamp never makes clear what he's telling that is new. (NEELY TUCKER)

WAITING (R, 93 minutes) This teen gross-out comedy is a puerile, pointless piece of work in which a group of young waiters and waitresses engages in a collective obsession with genitalia, bodily excretions, sexual put-downs and free-floating misanthropy. (AH)

WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G, 85 minutes) Directed by animators Nick Park and Steve Box, the feature film debut of Wallace and Gromit opens with the dotty English inventor and his quietly superior dog working at yet another ingenious business called Anti-Pesto, which humanely removes four-legged creatures from their town's vegetable gardens. Things are just swell until one of Wallace's schemes goes awry, and the gardens are soon being vandalized by the King Kong of rabbits. Gromit, who might be the most expressive silent movie star since Buster Keaton, is pure magic. (AH)

DREAMWORKS

Gromit the mouthless dog is the true hero of "Curse of the Were-Rabbit."

THE WAR WITHIN (Unrated, 90 minutes) Toward the end of this unsettling film, a brown man with a Muslim name sits in a car, contemplating a bridge leading to a city where twin towers once pierced the sky. In a nasty bit of racial profiling, he's quickly arrested, but they've got nothing on him, so they let him go. The irony: Hassan, the man in the car, really is up to no good. Therein lies the power of this taut tale of terrorism and the fundamentalist ties that bind. Hassan didn't start out this way. The film teases out complex and uncomfortable questions about faith and the impact of American actions on the rest of the world. (TW)

WEDDING CRASHERS (R, 119 minutes) Jeremy (Vince Vaughn) and John (Owen Wilson) are scoundrels who crash weddings so they can score with women, in this often-funny caper. But when they attend a big-time Washington wedding party, things change: They each fall for one of the host's daughters (Isla Fisher and Rachel McAdams). Vaughn is definitely the best man in this wedding comedy. He's a cad and a half who can motormouth like a machine gun. (DT)

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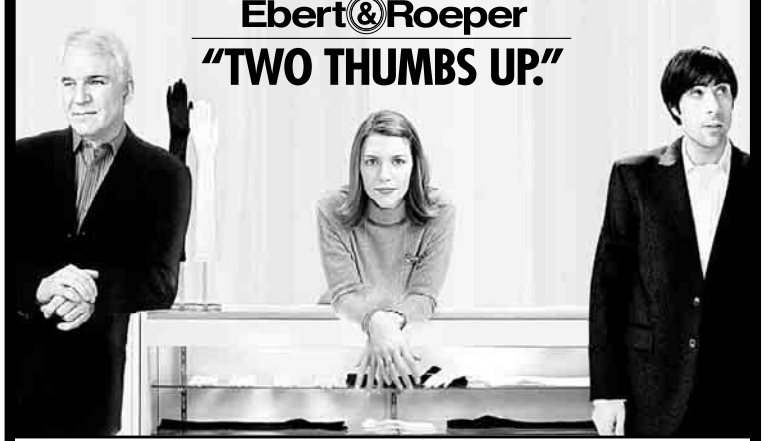

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★ DOOM (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:20 2:20 3:50)6:20 7:40 8:50 11:20
THE UNTOLD STORY OF EMMETT LOUIS TILL (NR) (1:50)
DOMINO (R) (1:05)7:05
THE FOG (PG–13) (1:30 4:00)7:00 9:30 12:00
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R) (4:05)10:05
THE GOSPEL (PG) (ON 2 SCREENS) (1:40 4:10 5:10)6:40 9:10 10:10 11:40
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) (12:50 3:20 5:50)8:20 10:50
ROLL BOUNCE (PG–13) (4:20)6:50 9:20 11:50
FLIGHTPLAN (PG–13) (2:50 5:20)7:50 10:20
TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG) (1:10 3:40)
G (R) 6:10 8:40 11:10

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GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) (2:00 4:30)7:00 9:30

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★ THE WEATHER MAN (R) (2:10 4:30)7:00 9:30
★ THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) (1:00 3:50)6:45 9:40
★ DOOM (R) (2:05 4:25)7:10 9:50
★ NORTH COUNTRY (R) (1:10 4:00)6:50 9:45
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG–13) (1:50 4:40)7:15 9:50
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) (2:00 4:20)6:40 9:00

Loews WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda 310-423-1014

★ THE WEATHER MAN (R) (2:15 4:40)7:10 9:45
★ PRIME (PG–13) (2:10 4:30)6:50 9:10
★ THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) (2:00 4:40)7:25 10:05
★ STAY (R) (4:45)9:40
IN HER SHOES (PG–13) (2:05)6:55
THE CONSTANT GARDENER (R) (2:05 4:45)7:25 10:05

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★ PRIME (PG–13) (1:20 3:30 5:40)7:50 10:00
★ USHPIZIN (PG) (12:30 2:40 4:40)7:00 9:20
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) (12:50 3:00 5:10)7:30 9:40
★ CAPOTE (R) (ON 2 SCREENS) (12:40 1:10 3:10 3:50)6:20 7:20 9:10 9:50
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R) (1:30 4:00)6:40 9:30
PROOF (PG–13) (1:00)6:30
THE CONSTANT GARDENER (R) (3:40)9:00

Loews GEORGETOWN
3111 K Street, N.W. 202-346-6033

★ THE WEATHER MAN (R) (11:50 2:20 4:50)7:20 9:50 12:15
★ PRIME (PG–13) (11:30 2:00 4:30)7:00 9:30 12:00
★ THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) (12:00 3:00)6:00 9:00 12:05
★ SAW II (R) (1:40 4:10)6:40 9:10 11:40
★ DOOM (R) (2:30 5:20)8:00 10:40
★ SHOPGIRL (R) (11:40 2:10 4:40)7:10 9:40 12:10
★ STAY (R) (12:40 5:40)11:00
★ NORTH COUNTRY (R) (12:20 3:20)6:20 9:20 12:20
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG–13) (1:20 4:20)7:30 10:20
DOMINO (R) (4:00)10:50
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R) (1:00)7:40
IN HER SHOES (PG–13) (12:50 3:50)6:50 10:00
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) (12:30 2:50 5:30)8:10 10:30
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) (1:10 3:40)6:10 8:50 11:10
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R) (12:10 2:40 5:00)7:50 10:10
PROOF (PG–13) (3:10)8:20

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★ THE WEATHER MAN (R) 7:10 9:30
★ PRIME (PG–13) 7:20 9:45
★ THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) 7:00 9:50
★ SAW II (R) 7:15 9:40
★ DOOM (R) 7:40 10:00
★ DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) 6:30 9:10
★ STAY (R) 6:40
★ NORTH COUNTRY (R) 6:00 9:20
DOMINO (R) 9:20
THE FOG (PG–13) 7:50 10:10
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 6:50 9:00
FLIGHTPLAN (PG–13) 6:10 8:50

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Television

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NBC takes a cursory look at the political power of the faithful

NEWS SPECIAL | Originally scheduled to air in early September, the news special "Tom Brokaw Reports: In God They Trust" (8 p.m., NBC) was bumped to make way for coverage of Hurricane Katrina. But if it seems dated, it's not simply due to that two-month delay.

Consisting almost entirely of anecdotal evidence, conversations with church leaders and various faithful, this "Report" is short on facts and long on generalizations.

DIANE BONDAREFF/AP

Brokaw would have been better off re-shooting his postponed special.

Offering little more than sterotypes, "Report" focuses on the perceived political clout of Evangelicals and the things politicians will say, do or promise to court them. Brokaw has an extended chat with Ted Haggard, president of the National Association of Evangelicals. Haggard tells Brokaw that he doesn't call the White House to offer advice, but they call him to seek it.

"Report" mentions the recent Terry Schiavo episode, but offers no analysis of the political fallout from the controversy. The documentary was completed long before the nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court, but its broadcast is clearly timed to coincide with her confirmation hearings. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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PROOF (PG-13)
2:00, 4:20, 7:35, 9:50
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG)
1:45, 2:45, 3:50, 5:00, 7:10, 7:55, 9:20, 10:05
CAPOTE (R)
1:30, 2:10, 2:50, 4:00, 4:40, 5:20 7:00, 7:30, 8:05, 9:30, 9:55
USHPIZIN (PG)
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:35
SHOPGIRL (R)
2:05, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00

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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)
4:45, 7:15, 9:40
SAW II (R) 5:00, 7:30, 9:40
GOSPEL (PG) 4:40, 7:20, 9:30
NORTH COUNTRY (R) 4:30, 7:10, 9:35
THE FOG (PG-13) 5:00, 7:25, 9:35
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G)
4:35, 7:00, 9:25

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1:00, 3:15, (5:20, 7:30), 9:35
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12:40, 3:00, (5:05, 7:10), 9:15
THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)
1:30, (4:20, 7:00), 9:30
ROLL BOUNCE (PG-13)
12:20, 2:40, (5:00)
G (R) (7:20), 9:25
DOOM (R) 12:30, 2:50, (5:10, 7:25), 9:40
WALLACE & GROMIT (G) 1:10, 3:10, (5:15)
THE FOG (PG-13) (7:15), 9:30

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PRIME (PG-13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45
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WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G)
1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25

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***THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG)**
12:15, 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 6:40, 7:30, 9:50, 10:30
***SAW II (R)**
12:45, 2:20, 3:05, 4:40, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:35, 10:45
***THE WEATHER MAN (R)**
1:40, 4:30, 7:55, 10:35
***PRIME (PG-13)**
1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
***DOOM (R)**
1:10, 3:50, 7:15, 10:00
***STAY (R)**
4:35, 10:40
***NORTH COUNTRY (R)**
1:05, 4:00, 6:55, 10:05
***KIDS IN AMERICA (PG-13)**
12:55, 8:20
***DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG)**
1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
THE FOG (PG-13)
1:25, 4:20, 7:25, 10:40
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG-13)
1:20, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
DOMINO (R)
12:25, 3:35, 6:50, 9:55
THE GOSPEL (PG)
12:35, 4:05, 7:35, 10:00
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G)
12:10, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
IN HER SHOES (PG-13)
4:10, 7:15
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R)
12:50, 9:40
WAITING... (R)
1:35, 10:25
HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R)
12:30, 3:30, 7:05, 9:30
SERENITY (PG-13)
3:40, 6:45
ROLL BOUNCE (PG-13)
3:45, 9:25
FLIGHTPLAN (PG-13)
1:30, 3:55, 6:35, 9:30
Tim Burton's CORPSE BRIDE (PG)
12:40, 6:45

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USHPIZIN (PG)
12:30, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50
PRIME (PG-13)
11:50, 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:25
CAPOTE (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:05
NORTH COUNTRY (R0
11:45, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00
GOOD NIGHT, GOOD LUCK (PG)
12:10, 2:10, 4:20, 8:00, 9:55
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G)
12:20, 2:35, 4:45, 7:20, 9:20

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THREE...EXTREMES (R)
11:00, 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
SEPARATE LIES (R)
12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG)
11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:00, 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:20, 9:50
INNOCENT VOICES (R)
11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
THE WAR WITHIN (NR)
12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:20, 9:30
THE UNTOLD STORY OF EMMETT LOUIS TILL (NR)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
PROOF (PG-13) 2:20
MIRRORMASK (PG) 11:50, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35

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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 12:00, 1:45, 3:15, 5:00, 7:00, 8:15, 10:30, 11:30
SAW II (R) ✓ 12:15, 1:15, 2:45, 3:45, 5:15, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:15
DOOM (R) ✓ 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) ✓ 12:45, 4:00, 8:00, 10:45
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 12:05, 2:40, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
NORTH COUNTRY (R) ✓ 1:00, 4:05, 7:15, 10:25
STAY (R) ✓ 4:05, 7:05, 9:50
THE FOG (PG13) 12:40, 4:15, 7:25, 10:05
THE GOSPEL (PG) 1:20
IN HER SHOES (PG13) 12:25, 3:50, 7:05, 10:10
WAITING (R) 9:55 PM
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) CC 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED (PG) 12:05, 2:55
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R) 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35
SERENITY (PG13) 5:45, 8:30, 11:20
PROOF (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

HOFFMANN CENTER 22

Eisenhower Ave and Telegraph Road in Alexandria
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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 1:00, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00
PRIME (PG13) ✓ 2:35, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45
PRIME (PG13) DV CC ✓ 2:35, 5:10, 8:10, 10:45
SAW II (R) ✓ 1:45, 2:30, 4:30, 5:20, 7:30, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45, 12:20
THE WEATHER MAN (R) ✓ 2:25, 5:30, 8:30, 11:00
DOOM (R) ✓ 1:15, 2:15, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15, 12:00
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) ✓ 1:10, 2:00, 4:25, 5:25, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40, 10:30
NORTH COUNTRY (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
STAY (R) ✓ 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45, 12:10
DOMINO (R) 1:35, 4:20, 7:25, 10:10
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:15, 10:25
THE FOG (PG13) 1:55, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55, 12:20
THE GOSPEL (PG) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45, 12:15
IN HER SHOES (PG13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R) 7:40, 10:30
WAITING (R) 2:20, 7:40
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:20
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50, 12:10
SERENITY (PG13) 4:55, 10:05
FLIGHTPLAN (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:50, 12:15
TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20

UNION STATION 9

Located at Union Station
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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
PRIME (PG13) ✓ 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:05
SAW II (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
DOOM (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55
NORTH COUNTRY (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:30, 10:15
THE FOG (PG13) 1:50, 4:20, 7:50, 10:20
THE GOSPEL (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 1:15, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:50

COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 10:45
PRIME (PG13) ✓ 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05, 12:10
PRIME (PG13) DV CC ✓ 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
SAW II (R) ✓ 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:15
THE WEATHER MAN (R) ✓ 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45, 12:10
DOOM (R) ✓ 1:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:45, 10:30
GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG) 1:40, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50
NORTH COUNTRY (R) ✓ 4:10, 7:05, 9:55
STAY (R) ✓ 9:40 PM, 12:00 AM
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG13) 1:15, 5:15, 8:00, 11:00
THE FOG (PG13) 3:00, 5:35, 8:10, 10:40
THE GOSPEL (PG) 4:40
IN HER SHOES (PG13) 1:05, 4:00, 7:35, 10:25
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 1:50, 4:45, 7:00, 9:30
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R) 2:15, 7:10
FLIGHTPLAN (PG13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10

SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
PRIME (PG13) ✓ 1:45, 4:45, 8:00, 10:30
SAW II (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
DOOM (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) ✓ 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
NORTH COUNTRY (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
STAY (R) ✓ 4:10, 10:10
THE FOG (PG13) 1:40, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50
IN HER SHOES (PG13) 1:10, 7:00
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) CC 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00
FLIGHTPLAN (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

RIVERTOWNE 12

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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
SAW II (R) 5:30, 7:40, 10:00
DOOM (R) 4:20, 8:00, 10:20
NORTH COUNTRY (R) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG13) 5:10, 7:50, 10:45
THE FOG (PG13) 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
THE GOSPEL (PG) 5:10, 8:10, 10:30
IN HER SHOES (PG13) 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 4:20, 7:20, 9:30
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R) 5:40, 8:20, 10:45
FLIGHTPLAN (PG13) 5:20, 8:20, 10:40
ROLL BOUNCE (PG13) 5:20, 7:50, 10:40

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
PRIME (PG13) ✓ 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
PRIME (PG13) DV CC ✓ 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
SAW II (R) ✓ 5:00, 8:00, 10:15
DOOM (R) ✓ 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) ✓ 4:30, 7:30, 9:55
THE FOG (PG13) 4:45, 7:45, 10:05

POTOMAC MILLS 18

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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 12:50, 1:30, 4:00, 4:40, 7:00, 7:50, 10:05, 10:55
PRIME (PG13) ✓ 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
SAW II (R) ✓ 12:40, 1:40, 3:00, 4:50, 5:30, 7:30, 8:20, 9:55, 10:45
THE WEATHER MAN (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
DOOM (R) ✓ 2:25, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) ✓ 1:35, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
NORTH COUNTRY (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40
STAY (R) ✓ 4:20, 10:10
DOMINO (R) 8:10, 10:55
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG13) 1:00, 3:50, 6:45, 9:30
THE FOG (PG13) 2:10, 4:30, 8:00, 10:25
THE GOSPEL (PG) 1:45, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35
THE GOSPEL (PG) CC 1:45, 4:10, 7:10, 9:35
IN HER SHOES (PG13) 1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:45
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R) 1:20, 7:20
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50
A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R) 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:30, 10:50
FLIGHTPLAN (PG13) 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:10, 10:30
TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG) 1:20, 3:40, 6:00

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PRIME (PG13) 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05
SAW II (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
STAY (R) 9:50 PM
INNOCENT VOICES (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R) 7:00, 9:40
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R) DV CC 7:00, 9:40
FLIGHTPLAN (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 4:45
TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG) CC 12:30, 2:45, 4:45
THE CONSTANT GARDENER (R) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05

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PRIME (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
THE WEATHER MAN (R) ✓ 2:10, 5:20, 7:45, 10:00
DREAMER: INSPIRED BY A TRUE STORY (PG) ✓ 1:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
KIDS IN AMERICA (PG13) 10:15 PM
DOMINO (R) 7:30, 10:05
THE FOG (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:35, 9:55
TWO FOR THE MONEY (R) 4:45, 7:40
THE GREATEST GAME EVER PLAYED (PG) 1:50
FLIGHTPLAN (PG13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:25, 9:45
TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG) 1:20, 3:25, 5:30
SEPARATE LIES (R) ✓ 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10

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THE LEGEND OF ZORRO (PG) ✓ 1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
SAW II (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
DOOM (R) ✓ 1:50, 4:40, 7:50, 10:30
NORTH COUNTRY (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
ELIZABETHTOWN (PG13) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
THE FOG (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
THE GOSPEL (PG) 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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Television

CLEAN GAMES: There will be no nude statues in the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Olympics hosted by Italy, said organizers. The worldwide broadcast promises to be sensitive to American squeamishness. Even the mascots are an unsexy snowball and ice cube.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

CLOSE-UP ON REAL PAIN

THREE WISHES (Fri., 9 p.m., NBC) visits an Ohio town that is home to Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 25th Regiment as they return from serving in Iraq. This supposedly feel-good show raises troubling questions about using, even exploiting, the emotions of soldiers and widows as entertainment.

STRONG, LUCKY AND ALIVE

What would you do to survive a life-threatening situation? The 10-part series **I SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE** (Fri., 9 p.m., Discovery) offers dramatic re-enactments of grim scenarios where participants were faced with life and death choices with moral overtones. Tonight's debut episode relates a tale of a shipwrecked yacht, a lifeboat without food or water surrounded by hostile sharks. Who among the five will live to tell the tale? And what will he or they do to survive?

CULT CHOICE

A sweet young woman (Teresa Wright) comes to believe that her beloved uncle (Joseph Cotton) is a serial killer in Alfred Hitchcock's 1943 thriller **SHADOW OF A DOUBT** (Fri., 8 p.m., TCM).

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

SURVIVAL SKILLS: A shark menaces driftaways in an "Alive" re-enactment.

SATURDAY-NIGHT SCARES

Halloween looms and we lose time to darkness tonight as the clocks tick back one hour. Is this a weekend for monster movies, or what? The networks don't miss a beat, abandoning programming for the 2000 horror spoof **SCARY MOVIE** (Sat., 8 p.m., NBC) and **MONSTERS, INC.** (Sat., 8 p.m., ABC), the 2001 computer-animated comedy. Over on the Sci Fi Channel every Saturday night is Halloween. Their latest low-budget shocker **CERBERUS** (Sat., 9 p.m., Sci Fi) "stars" the legendary hound from Hades, the guardian of the dead.

IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE

VAMPIRE BATS (Sun., 9 p.m., CBS) sees Lucy Lawless return to the role of insect expert Dr. Maddy Rierdon she played with such underdressed authority in "Locusts." Only this time, she's a well-liked professor at a Louisiana university that seems to hold sessions during the hottest months of summer. This provides a perfect excuse for the coeds to cavort in bikinis and lingerie. While "Vampire Bats" features characters from "Locusts," it's closer in feel to "Spring Break Shark Attack," the first in CBS's so-bad-it's-great movie franchise.

ADVENTURE TALES

Based on Robert Louis Stevenson's novel, "Kidnapped" on **MASTERPIECE THEATRE** (Sun., 9 p.m., PBS, concludes next Sunday) recalls old-fashioned tales where the action never stopped, or failed to surprise you. Beautiful scenery, memorable performances and impressive special effects abound.

SOME OF THEM CAN'T EVEN ACT

Nine boldface names get a chance to live out their pop star dreams on **BUT CAN THEY SING?** (Sun., 10 p.m., VH1). Would-be crooners include Morgan Fairchild, Joe Pantaliano, Bai Ling, Antonio Sabato Jr.

DIMENSION FILMS

It's hard to remember now, but the original "Scary Movie" was kind of funny.

CULT CHOICE

Cabin fever gets the best of a writer (Jack Nicholson) in director Stanley Kubrick's 1980 adaptation of Stephen King's **THE SHINING** (Sat., 8 p.m., A&E). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

10.28.05		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Dateline NBC		Three Wishes "Military Homecoming"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bernie Mac	Malcolm-Mid.	Killer Instinct "Die Like an Egyptian"		News		A Current Affair	Friends
	WJLA 7	News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Franklin Graham From Melbourne.		Hope & Faith (N)	Hot Properties (N)	20/20		News	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9	News	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Ghost Whisperer "Homecoming" (N)		Threshold "Trees Made of Glass"		NUMB3RS "Noisy Edge"		News	Late Show
	WDCA 20	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends	Every-Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)				The Tyra Banks Show (N)		Girlfriends	Girlfriends
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	The Civil War "Valley of the Shadow of Death: 1864/Most Hallowed Ground: 1864"						Sammy Davis Jr. Singing at His Best	
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	NOW (N)	Jrnl Edit. Rpt	Le Mozart Noir: Reviving a Legend		Charlie Rose (N)	
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Evening Exch	To the Contrary	History Detectives		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	
	WBDC 50	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	What I Like	What I Like	Reba (N)	Twins (N)	Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace
BASIC CABLE	A&E	City Confidential		American Justice "A Soldier's Secret"		The Secret Life of Vampires The creatures affect pop culture. (N)				Biography: Stephen King: Fear		American Justice: Duty...	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries		The Most Extreme Dog breeds.		Corwin's Quest Tracking a lion. (N)		Miami Animal Police		Animal Precinct "Family Feuds"		Corwin's Quest Tracking a lion.	
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Ebony Eyez	★ "Turn It Up" (2000, Drama) Pras, Ja Rule, Vondie Curtis-Hall.				Top 25-BET	Access Granted	In Living Color	In Living Color
	Bravo	(5:00) Celebrity Poker Showdown		Inside the Actors Studio		★★★ "The Fly" (1986, Science Fiction) Jeff Goldblum, Geena Davis.				★★ "Wes Craven's New Nightmare" (1994) Robert Englund. Premiere.			
	Comedy	Mad TV		Com.-Presents	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Comedy Central Presents		Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Weekends-D.L.	David Spade
	Court	Hollywood Heat	Masterminds	Cops	Cops	The Investigators Suicide claim.		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice	
	Discovery	Against the Law "Why Did Josh Kill?"		Beyond Boundaries (N)		SOS: Coast Guard Rescue		I Shouldn't Be Alive "Shark Survivor"		A Haunting "Hell House" (N)		Haunting of Myrtle's Plantation	
	DISCH	Paramedics "Knights of Newark"		Trauma: Life in the ER		Mystery Diagnosis		Mystery Diagnosis Difficult diagnoses.		Medical Incredible "Baby No Skin"		Mystery Diagnosis	
	Disney	Sister, Sister	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	★★ "Hocus Pocus" (1993) Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker.				Zack & Cody	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
	E!	50 Most Outrageous TV Moments		E! News (N)	Anna Nicole	Curse of the Poltergeist: The E! True Hollywood Story				The Soup (N)	E! News Special	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Frankenlaura"		(:03) Over There "Follow the Money".	
	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Get Color (N)	Design Remix	Designed to Sell	Mission: Orgnz	Designer Finals	House Hunters	Debbie Travis' Facelift	
	Family	7th Heaven "In the Blink of an Eye"		Smallville "Metamorphosis"		★★★ "The Sixth Sense" (1999, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Haley Joel Osment, Toni Collette.					Whose Line?	The 700 Club	
	History	Decoding the Past Jesus' return.		Plumbing: The Arteries of Civilization		History's Mysteries "Lost Worlds" (N)		History's Mysteries Odd behavior.		Mail Call (N)	Mail Call	Modern Marvels: Mountain Roads	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	Will & Grace	★★ "The Spring" (2000, Suspense) Kyle MacLachlan, Alison Eastwood.				★★ "The Glow" (2002, Suspense) Dean Cain, Portia de Rossi.				Will & Grace	How Clean
	MTV	The Real World	The Real World	Made "Figure Skater"		ET on MTV (N)	Next	Next	Next	Punk'd Chingy.	Punk'd	Punk'd	Punk'd
	NICK	All Grown Up	Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	Catscratch (N)	Fairly Oddparents	Danny Phantom	Jimmy Neutron	Hey Arnold!	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show
	SCIFI	(5:00) ★★ "Day of the Dead" (1985)		"Route 666" (2001, Horror) Lou Diamond Phillips, Lori Petty.				★ "Resident Evil" (2002, Horror) Milla Jovovich, Michelle Rodriguez.				"All Souls Day" (2005, Horror)	
	SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		World's Most Amazing Videos		World's Most Amazing Videos	
	TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends	Friends	★★★ "The Truman Show" (1998) Jim Carrey, Laura Linney.				(:10) ★★★ "The Truman Show"	
	TLC	Martha Bette Midler. (N)		What Not to Wear "Reunion: Audrey"		That Yin Yang Thing (N)		What Not to Wear "Reunion: Teresa"		Ballroom Bootcamp (N)		That Yin Yang Thing	
	TNT	Alias "Parity"		Law & Order "Vaya Con Dios"		★★ "Runaway Bride" (1999, Comedy) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere, Joan Cusack.					★★ "Stepmom" (1998, Drama) Julia Roberts. (DVS)		
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk "Mr. Monk and the Psychic"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
	VH1	I Love the '80s: 3D Phil Collins.		I Love the '80s: 3D "Three Amigos."		I Love the '80s: 3D "Moonstruck."		I Love the '80s: 3D "1988" (N)		I Love the '80s: 3D "1989" (N)		Best Week Ever	My Fair Brady
SPAN.	TELEM	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemndo	La Tormenta		El Cuerpo del Deseo		Los Plateados		Decisiones		Noti-Telemndo	Titulares y Mas
	UNIV	Que Locura!	Noticiero Univ	Piel de Otoño Mujeres valientes.		Contra Viento y Marea		La Esposa Virgen		Gilberto Gless	Los Perplejos	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		NBA Shootaround	NBA Preseason Basketball New Jersey Nets at New York Knicks. (S Live)					NBA Preseason Basketball Sacramento Kings at Los Angeles Lakers.			
	ESPN2	Horse Racing	Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith		NFL Matchup (N)	College Football Colorado State at New Mexico. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live)	
	CSN	Baseball Report	SportsNite		NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Tampa Bay Lightning. (Live)					SportsNite		Ralph Friedgen	Best-Sports
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight With Aaron Brown			
	FNC	Special Report (Live)		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live)		Hannity & Colmes (Live)		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★★ "Carrie" (1976, Horror) Sissy Spacek. 'R'			★★ "Exorcist II: The Heretic" (1977, Horror) Linda Blair, Richard Burton. 'R'					Movies That	★★ "The Exorcist III" (1990) George C. Scott. 'R'.		
	TCM	Night at Opera	★★★★ "Monkey Business" (1931) The Marx Brothers.			★★★★ "Shadow of a Doubt" (1943, Suspense) Teresa Wright, Joseph Cotten. 'PG'					★★★★ "Strangers on a Train" (1951) Farley Granger.		
	HBO	"League of Extra Gentlemen"		Inside the NFL		Rome "Egeria"		Rome "Pharsalus"		Rome "Caesarion"		Real Time (S Live)	
	MAX	Dr. Seuss-Cat	(:20) ★★★ "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. 'R'			(:15) ★★ "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid" (2004) 'PG-13'				★★ "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004) Dennis Quaid. 'PG-13'			
	SHOW	(:15) The Outer Limits "Dark Matters"		The Outer Limits "Valerie 23" (i LV)		★★ "Toolbox Murders" (2004) Angela Bettis. 'R'			(:45) Horrorfeast	Masters of Horror		Masters of Horror (i LV)	
	TMC	(:05) ★★ "Groundhog Day" (1993, Comedy) Bill Murray. 'PG'				★★ "Grumpy Old Men" (1993) Jack Lemmon. 'PG-13'			(:45) ★ "Book of Love" (2004) Frances O'Connor. 'R'			(:10) "Married People, Single Sex" 'R'.	
	STARZ!	(5:30) ★★ "Jersey Girl" (2004) Ben Affleck. 'PG-13'			(:20) ★★ "Thunderbirds" (2004) Bill Paxton. 'PG'			★★ "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement" (2004) Anne Hathaway.				★★ "After the Sunset" (2004)	
	ENCORE	(:15) ★★ "Angels in the Outfield" (1994) Danny Glover. 'PG'				★★ "Fallen" (1998, Suspense) Denzel Washington. 'R'				(:05) ★★★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003) 'PG-13'			

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Sleep

Shop, Stop & Snore

Would you pay to nap at a mall — or just find a Brookstone?

There's no rest for the weary mall shopper.

It's a problem that Steev RamsDell, founder of PowerNap Sleep Centers, is hoping to solve for mallgoers, travelers and businesspeople nationwide. The company, which provides themed nap rooms — such as "Tropical Isle," "Asian Mist" and "Deep Space" — at the rate of 70 cents a minute, added its first mall facility this month at the Mall of America in St. Paul, Minn.

The Sleep Centers offer private, freshly laundered spots not unlike the overdone, yet imaginative, bedrooms of spoiled children. There's theme-specific music, trickling water gardens, even wisps of scented mist — ionized, of course.

Despite the mall expansion, the company sees its top market as airports, such as its nap center at the Boca Raton, Fla., airport, he said. Universities, hospitals and business hubs are also on the radar.

"We looked at how much time people spend at malls and airports ... and, of course, we are a sleep-deprived society," he said. "Also, we saw a need among employees, who might want to rejuvenate themselves during lunch breaks."

It shouldn't be surprising that RamsDell has his eye on Washington. "There's a large corporate segment there that we'd love to service, be it at the Pentagon or other Congressional buildings," he said — not to mention Dulles and Reagan airports.

Were mall-napping to get a foothold in area shopping centers, however, raises the question every responsible entrepreneur needs to ask: Is there competition?

Apparently, there are already mall locales that provide mid-shopping rests, if unintentionally.

"I have people come in and fall asleep all the time," said Michael Jones, manager of the Tysons Corner Brookstone, which provides a variety of comfy chairs and beds. "I just let them go until they wake up," Jones said. "The longest I've ever had a person asleep was a man who was out for an hour and a half. He was snoring, too."

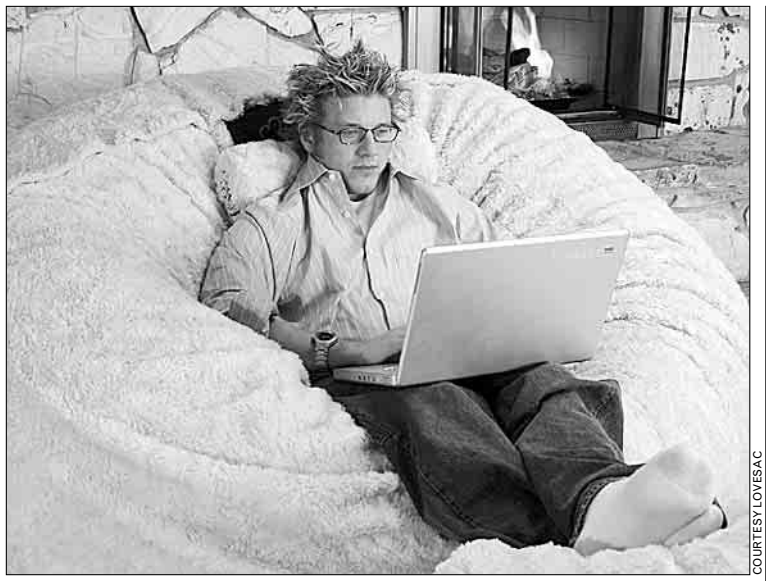
Jones points out the positives to letting people pass out: For one, the hour-and-a-half log-sawer liked his nap so much he bought the $2,000 chair. Also, he thinks the example to other shoppers is a positive one: "It proves it's so good, you can fall asleep in a store."

Kevin Chance, manager of the Tysons Corner LoveSac, uses the same strategy for in-store snoozers. "I just let them be. I tell people that it's got to be comfortable if they can sit and fall asleep in it," he said.

Chance said he notices many older married men who nap while their wives are shopping — a demographic RamsDell said he's targeting. "They come in and sit in a sack, and they just stay there," Chance said. "They'll be asleep until their wives come and get them."

The rash of mall mattress-crashing has caught Brookstone's attention at least: The store is now specializing in napping gear, including pillows, slippers and eyeshades, Jones said, meaning employees actually encourage shoppers to spend "at least 10 to 15 minutes" on the mattresses and chairs, under a napping blanket.

But RamsDell said he's confident his idea has them all beat. "There were restaurants, and then people said, 'Let's make it more convenient,' and you had fast food," he said. "We're offering fast rest."



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SLEEP IT OFF: LoveSacs, above, and Brookstone massage chairs, right, lure nappers at Tysons.

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Food

In the Keys, everyone has their own recipe for the traditional pie

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It looks like a slice of pie — but it tastes like sunshine, despite the recent soggy hurricane.

Key lime pie remains the official dessert of the Florida Keys, craved by tourists and locals alike. And nearly every restaurant — from the gourmet to the ones that also sell live bait — is more than willing to please.

"In the middle of summer, it's just so refreshing, like drinking a glass of lemonade," said Charlene Griffin, a waitress who served up a slice at the Hideout Restaurant just off U.S. 1 in Key Largo.

Traditional key lime pie has a graham cracker crust and a custard that's yellow, not green, made of key lime juice, eggs and sweetened condensed milk. It can be topped with whipped cream or meringue.

> "We get a lot of key lime purists who say, 'This isn't key lime pie.'"
>
> **ADRIAN MIRANDA**
> MANAGER, ISLAMORADA FISH CO.

But variations abound. At the Islamorada Fish Company, which sells about 70 pies a week at its outdoor restaurant overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, the pie is made of a whipped filling that's less tart. He says kids prefer the milder sweet flavor to the tart bite of a traditional pie. But not everyone is happy.

"We get a lot of key lime pie purists who say, 'This isn't key lime pie,'" he said.

Such purists also might be offended by the slices served at the upscale Louie's Backyard, which are made with a gingersnap crust and garnished with berries. "We just take a twist," said senior waiter Ben Harris, who noted the stylish $7.25-a-slice pie is the only item other than conch chowder that has stayed on the menu for 20 years.

WILFREDO LEE/AP

At Louie's Backyard restaurant, key lime pie gets a garnish of cream and berries.

Not bad, considering that key limes aren't even grown commercially in the Florida Keys anymore. Most of the key lime industry in Florida was destroyed by the double-whammy of 1992's Hurricane Andrew and citrus canker, Terence McElroy, spokesman for the Florida Department of Agriculture, said. Citrus canker is a bacterial disease that makes citrus fruit develop brown lesions and drop early.

A few groves remain in Homestead, south of Miami, but otherwise the pies are made with bottled juice.

The pies are believed to originate in Key West, with the first likely made sometime after the Civil War, when canned sweetened condensed milk became popular. No one knows for sure how the delectable desert got its start, Monroe County historian Tom Hambright said, but legends abound.

One popular theory is that key lime pie was first served to William Curry, the wrecker and Key West millionaire, in the late 1800s.

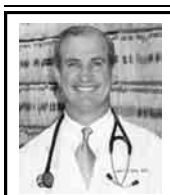
Hambright hypothesized that Curry's cook could have gotten the recipe from spongers, who lived on boats when they collected live sponges from the sea. They would often take condensed milk on the boats to have something sweet that wouldn't spoil, Hambright said, and would likely have key limes and eggs on hand.

The pies gained popularity because they didn't need to be cooked — the acid in lime juice actually "cooks" the filling — so women in the Keys didn't have to heat up their kitchen in the hot summer months, when limes were most plentiful. (Now pies are cooked to prevent salmonella poisoning.)

But the written record is scarce. Hambright has a local Woman's Club cookbook from 1927, but it doesn't have a recipe for key lime pie.

"But again, you didn't do that because everybody knows how to make them," he said.

CORALIE CARLSON (AP)



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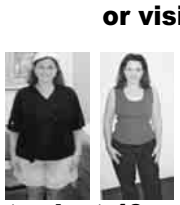

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CVStomize Your Costume

For a last-minute costume to be festive, it's got to be CVS-tive. No matter where you're going for Halloween, there's likely to be a drugstore on the way, filled with a head-scratchingly random assortment of items perfect for cobbling together 11th-hour get-ups. Here are three all-CVS creations. CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

BIRD FLU

What's scarier than monsters, gas prices and the housing bubble? Bird flu! Deconstruct a few boas ($5 each) and attach as needed to your clothes. Add striped stockings ($5), a pair of butterfly wings ($4), a thermometer ($6), ice bag ($10.19) and syringe ($3.29 for the oral model). Voila! You're a sick bird that's going to be destroyed for public safety reasons! Bonus two-person costume: Your pal dons latex gloves ($1.39), a dust mask ($4) and a medical-looking swim cap ($4), then follows you with the syringe. It wouldn't be responsible to incite uninformed panic, so come prepared to field questions about mutating viruses.

RAFAEL PALMEIRO

Going as the 'Roid Warrior means you can squeeze his being juiced for all it's worth. If you don't have an Orioles hat, CVS has assorted caps ($13) to which you can tape an O's logo. Add the flip-down shades ($20) Raffy wore while stonewalling reporters after the scandal broke, an elbow brace ($11) and a bat ($3.59). To simulate his 'stache, trim down a stick-on from a pirate disguise ($3), which also comes with eyeblack. For the piece de steroidistance, attach a few oral syringes to your rear. And remember to always make stern pointing gestures while barking lies to Congress.

CINDY SHEEHAN

First, you'll need the hair. CVS has a number of dirty-blondish hair extensions and wigs, the cheapest ($5) being pretty long. Don't stress too much about the cut, though, as you'll be tucking it under a hat, perhaps one of those touristy D.C. ones ($13). Next, the symbolism. Take a blank T-shirt ($2) and draw a peace sign on it, then attach an American flag postcard (25 cents) somewhere. Next, get a George W. Bush magnet ($1.69) and put a big ol' 'X' over it, 'cause Cindy don't like him too much. Tape a nail file to the back, and you have yourself a little protest sign.

Beauty

Party Like Its 1983

When confronted with **LAURA MERCIER'S LIQUID CRYSTAL LIP GLACE** ($22 each, see lauramercier.com for stores), testers were immediately reminded of a.) oily stickers and b.) Genera Hypercolor shirts. So there you have it: Early 1980s fashion, distilled into cosmetic form. Though strikingly iridescent in the bottle, they look pretty normal on—there's just a touch of opalescent shimmer that suggests you rock out to Cyndi Lauper when the lights go out. The Tanzanite, top right, is a little on the blue side, however, suggesting that you might also be hypoxic. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Weddings

Here Come the Brides/Grooms/Both

How stupid are most wedding cake toppers? "Very" is the word you're looking for. **RENELLIE**'s new multiethnic wedding toppers are considerably less dorky ($70 per couple, www.renellie.com or 1-800-716-8677) than the usual suspects. The mix-and-match brides and grooms are available in Asian, black, Latino and white; you can even pair two grooms and two brides. OK, so all the white brides are blonde, all the white grooms are brunette, and everyone's thin. It's still progress. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Look out | Voices

Fashion | A Queer Eye

Fashion savant **CARSON KRESSLEY** of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" was online Thursday to discuss style dos and don'ts | **washingtonpost.com/liveonline**

What are the best paint and shoe combos? Say, dark navy with brown (red) shoes? Tan paints with brown shoes or black shoes?
Did you say "paint" and shoes? I usually paint in bare feet — much easier on the Pradas! But I think you meant pants and shoes. I love something rich and unexpected. Definitely try rich browns and russets with navy. For tan, a rich brown or even black is great. Black and tan ALWAYS look chic!

My husband is very self-conscious about his weight. He is constantly wearing items that are too large. What should I look for in clothes that will make him look and feel slimmer without making him uncomfortable?
This one is all about fit. Men get self-conscious about their weight and things feeling tight and then overcompensate by buying larger and larger sizes. Soon they look like they should be hawking balloon sculptures at birthday parties! The key is to shop for the CORRECT size that skims the body without being tight.

I love pleated stonewashed jeans for men. I think I saw someone do these on the spring runways. Did you see any signs of this trend?
Yes, Armageddon.

I hate, hate, hate wearing heels because they are so uncomfortable. Any suggestions for flats/tie shoes that look dressier but don't squeeze my toes and give me back pain?
Me, too! Have you tried any of the cool, new higher-heeled clogs? They are sturdy and give your foot a wider base to stand on. And the toe area is much roomier. If that doesn't suit your fancy, try designer Taryn Rose. She used to be a podiatrist, so she knows feet!

What is your favorite must-have for fall for both men and women?
The classic cashmere cable knit sweater. It is the Superbowl of sweaters and looks and feels great. Put it on your christmakwanzukkah list.

What are the essentials that should be in every man's wardrobe?
Navy blue blazer. One great well-fitting suit. An alligator belt. Boxer briefs. Cashmere cable knit sweater. Flat-front pant. A couple great pairs of jeans. A favorite pair of sunglasses. A top coat. A denim jacket ... I could go on and on and I do, in my book, "Off the Cuff." Now available in paperback online and at bookstores everywhere!

Isn't it too bad that Harriet Miers withdrew her Supreme Court nomination before somebody was able to give her good advice on eye makeup?
It's never too late to learn new tricks, Harriet. I too think it was the eye make-up that did her in. Where was Donna Mills when we needed her. Now that woman pioneered the smoky eye!

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11 A.M.: Robert Bork, a former Supreme Court nominee, discusses the fallout from Harriet Miers' withdrawal of her nomination to the Supreme Court.

Letters

Two Curses Down, One to Go

LAST YEAR, THE CURSE of the Bambino was broken when the Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals. Wednesday night the Curse of the Black Sox was broken when the White Sox beat the Houston Astros. Is next year the year that the Curse of the Billy Goat is broken in a Cubs sweep of the World Series? This Cubs fan hopes so.

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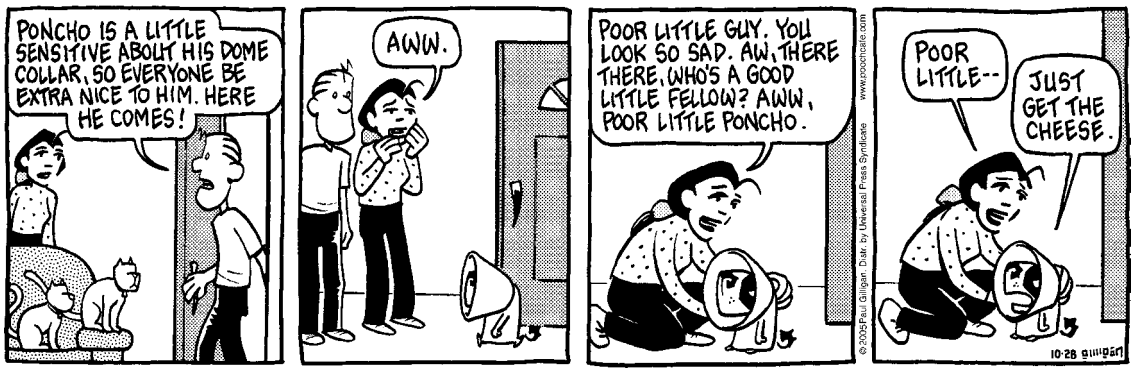

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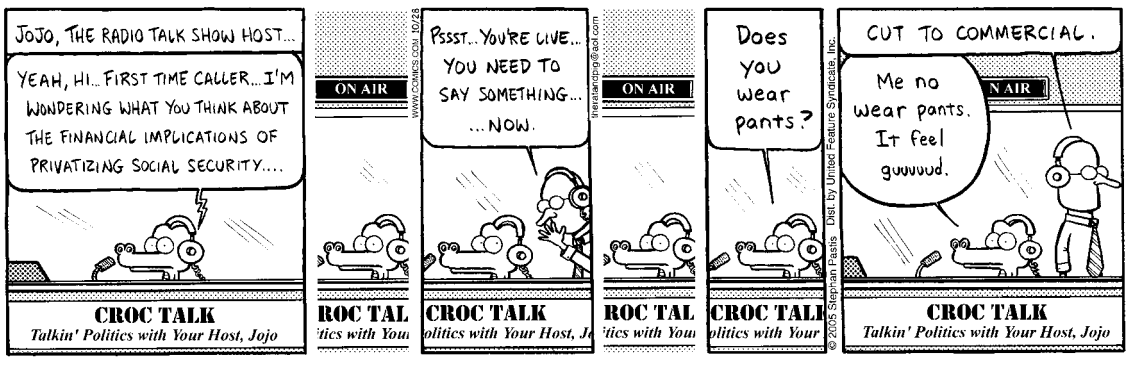

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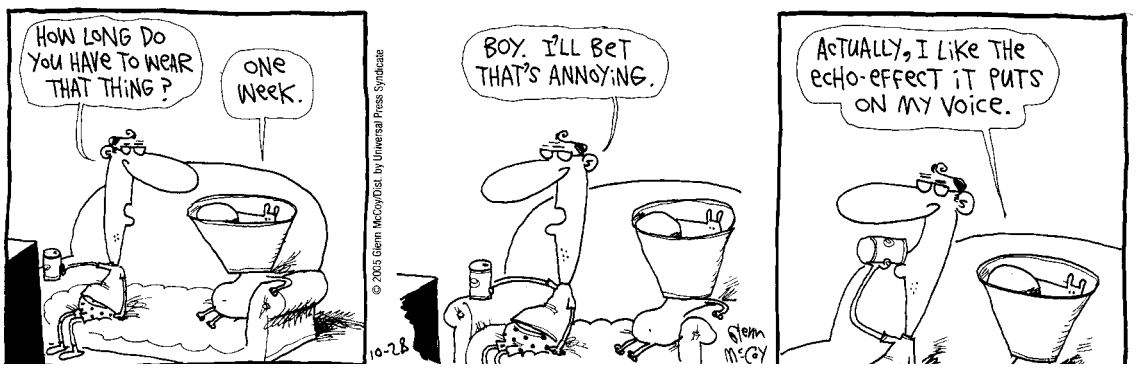

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THE Blog LOG

MIERS FALLOUT 1

"It's good for everyone that this Miers won't be a Supreme Court justice, except for SNL dinosaur Rachel Dratch, who loses one of the only impressions she can do. Somebody please make Rachel the snarky best friend of a sitcom main character so she can get off SNL."

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MIERS FALLOUT 2

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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may encounter a problem in the form of a person who doesn't seem to understand that you have work to do. Don't overreact.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be sure that you don't let your temper get the better of you. There are some people who may not understand your moods.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're likely to find that a long-term project is actually well ahead of schedule. Still, this is no reason to let up in any way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're likely to surprise many people with your approach, but you must do what strikes you as suitable, appropriate and effective.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't be stingy with your affection, your concern or any of your own emotional resources. Someone you know really needs you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're too impulsive, you'll step on someone's toes. Behave appropriately, and observe the hierarchy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The circumstances you are facing at work may not be ideal, but you are the most likely candidate to make the best of the worst.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be accused of being shallow, but you are simply concentrating on things that are more obvious, that's all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're in no mood to acknowledge reality, but nevertheless there are some practical concerns you must grapple with before nightfall.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be fickle. You know that you are easier to please than you are letting people believe; make it easier on them now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can enjoy the developments of the day without taking part, but it will be much more fun for you to get right into the fray at times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can put your own interests first and still attend to those who are counting on you. Don't be selfish or one-sided, however.

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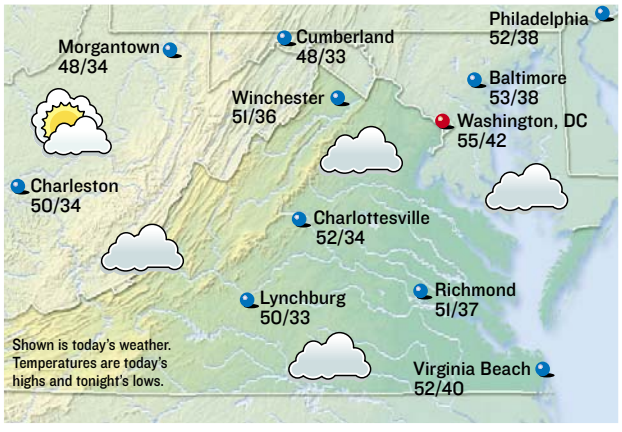
5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Variably cloudy, stray shower	Partly cloudy, chilly	Partly sunny, cool	Mostly sunny, becoming warmer	Mostly sunny, warm	Partly sunny
55°	42°	55° / 42°	68° / 48°	72° / 50°	70° / 50°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	57°
Low	42°
Normal high	64°
Normal low	46°
Average humidity	50%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	9.41"
Normal month to date	2.82"
Year to date	39.12"
Last year to date	34.86"
Normal year to date	32.87"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

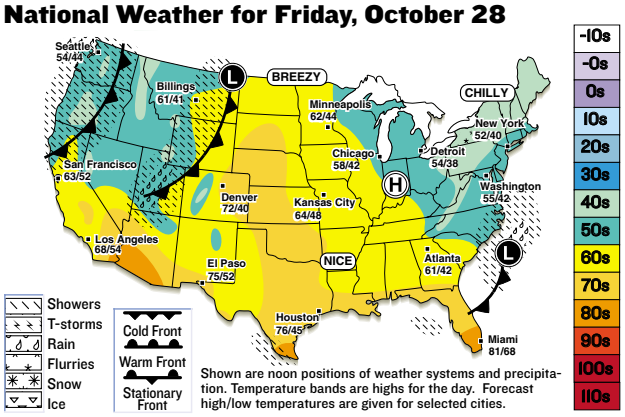
D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy, chilly, perhaps an afternoon shower. High 55. Wind north 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, chilly, breezy. Low 42.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:12 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:58 a.m.
Moonset today	4:18 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 23

National Weather for Friday, October 28



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	61/42/s	67/44/s
Boston	47/36/pc	40/34/sn
Chicago	58/42/s	62/46/s
Dallas	72/50/s	74/58/s
Denver	72/40/pc	66/38/pc
Honolulu	86/72/s	86/71/s
Los Angeles	68/54/r	70/54/pc
Miami	81/68/sh	80/68/sh
New York City	52/40/pc	50/43/c
Orlando	78/59/pc	78/61/pc
Seattle	54/44/sh	52/44/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	64/57/sh	64/55/pc
Athens	77/63/pc	68/54/pc
Berlin	64/46/pc	63/46/pc
Buenos Aires	70/52/pc	64/48/pc
Calgary	52/33/pc	48/26/pc
Dublin	59/54/sh	57/54/r
Geneva	66/45/pc	70/42/s
Moscow	30/19/pc	36/27/pc
Rome	73/55/s	73/57/s
Sydney	75/59/s	79/64/pc
Tokyo	68/57/pc	66/59/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Look out | People

CHRIS WEEKS/AP

America has proved it values nudity over secret offspring revelations.

DAUGHTER?

Janet Employs Some Unique Diversionary Tactics

A video clip showing **JANET JACKSON** sunbathing naked has been circulating on the Internet and was still playing on some Web sites Thursday. The 40-second video was shot from bushes near the singer. Her lawyers were reportedly attempting to have the video taken off the Web. (AP)

HONORS

We Feel Angelina Jolie Deserved This Much More

JUDI DENCH, who won an Oscar for her portrayal of Queen Elizabeth in "Shakespeare in Love," is now a Companion of Honor. She received the honor from Queen Elizabeth II on Wednesday at Buckingham Palace. The honor recognizes service of national importance and is limited to a select group of 65 people at any one time. (AP)

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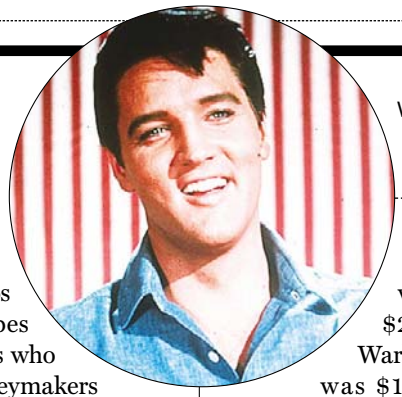
PRINCESS ANGELINA

Her Smile Brings Sunshine to Us All

ANGELINA JOLIE says she wants to adopt again. "It's a very special thing," she told People magazine at the Worldwide Orphans Foundation benefit in Manhattan. "There's something about making a choice, waking up and traveling somewhere and finding your family." Jolie announced at the Oct. 24 event that she is joining with foundation founder Dr. Jane Aronson to build a pediatric AIDS center in Ethiopia. (AP)

MONEY

He Won't Roll Over in His Grave for Less Than $1 Million



We bet Elvis let little Lisa Marie drink juice.

ELVIS PRESLEY tops the annual Forbes list of celebrities who are the top moneymakers from beyond the grave. The singer, who died in 1977, made an estimated $45 million in the past year. Cartoonist Charles Schulz (2000) is next on the list with $35 million, followed by John Lennon (1980), who raked in $22 million. Andy Warhol's (1987) take was $16 million, Dr. Seuss (1991) made $10 million, followed by Marlon Brando (2004) with $9 million. Marilyn Monroe (1962) and J.R.R. Tolkien (1973) are tied with $8 million apiece. (AP)

RENE MACURA/AP

Even Juicy Juice, Catherine? Even though it's 100 percent pure juice???

DEPRIVATION

Now They're Going to Go Juice-Mad at College

CATHERINE ZETA-JONES has some rules about what her kids, Dylan, 5, and Carys, 2, eat. "I don't give them kid food," she told Life magazine. "No candy. Almost no juice. When my kids have juice, it's like they're having their first taste of champagne." "If one of us works, the other doesn't, so the children can have some sense of normalcy," the 36-year-old actress said. (AP)

RECOVERING

Model Checks Out of Rehab

KATE MOSS has checked out of an Arizona rehab clinic and will be reunited with her 3-year-old daughter Lila in the next few days, her modeling agency said Thursday. Moss left The Meadows clinic outside Phoenix earlier this week and was spending time with friends in the U.S., the Storm agency said. (AP)

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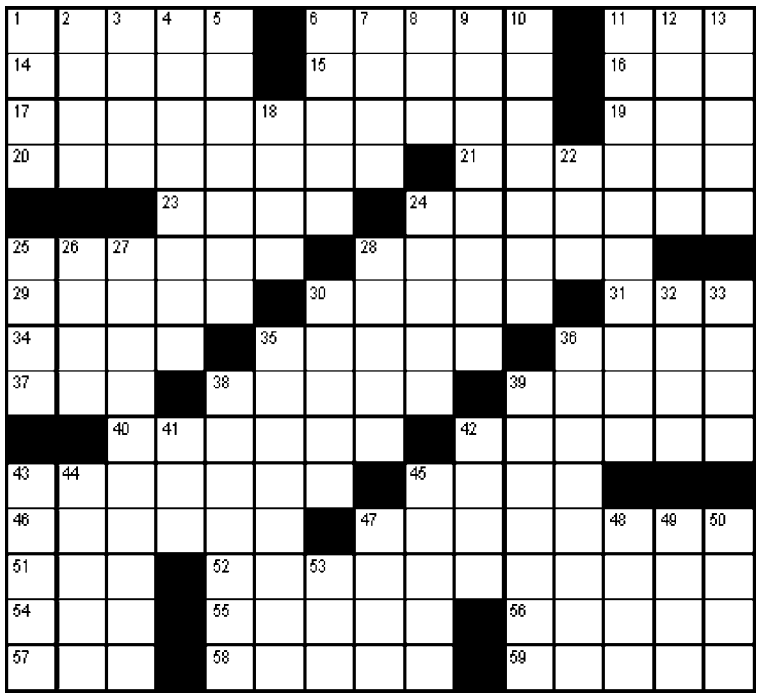

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1 Animated classic of 1942
6 Eye nerve
11 The sound of silence
14 Type of personality
15 Hunt illegally
16 Spherule in a pod
17 Standard Oil founder
19 Randall's "6 Rms ___ Vu"
20 Proposers, traditionally
21 Like an ox
23 Turner of films
24 First Western televised in color
25 Composer Chopin's birthplace
28 Employing a certain office machine
29 One of ___ (unique)
30 Trig term
31 Scandinavian rug
34 Ruth's "Laugh-In" counterpart
35 Exposes
36 Adversaries
37 It may be studied in a lab
38 Cools one's heels
39 Treaty between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.
40 Gains knowledge
42 Site of a famous wall
43 Term of endearment
45 It's set by a runner
46 Word with stock or black
47 It may come in cords
51 "Without further ___"
52 Skating sport
54 VCR button
55 Cross the threshold
56 Borden's critter
57 "Shame on you!"
58 Impressionist painter of ballerinas
59 Gin-flavoring fruits

DOWN
1 1987 Supreme Court nominee
2 Shakespearean "soon"
3 Defensive spray
4 Safe place for cyclists
5 Cork's at the bottom of it
6 What some see with Met tickets
7 Ward heelers
8 Chess master Mikhail
9 Early coolers
10 Constant, as a liar
11 Chinese appetizer
12 Condiment giant
13 Words with seat or ball
18 Repel (with "off")
22 Florist's vehicle, perhaps
24 You must be quick to steal them
25 Famous name in TV talk
26 Gumbo ingredient
27 A state capital
28 Knox and McHenry
30 Herman Wouk's ship
32 Nepalese legend
33 Alphabet book phrase
35 Male voice
36 Parting word
38 Took care of houseplants, in a way
39 Withdraws from an organization
41 Comic screech
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43 Man in C.O.N.T.R.O.L.
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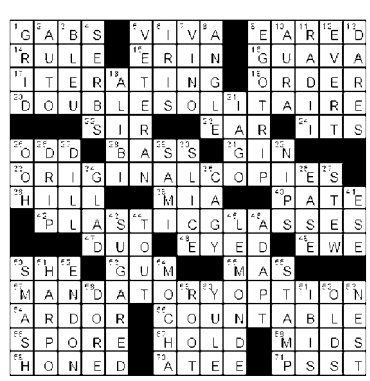

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	6							3
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	3		5		1	8		

Yesterday's Solution

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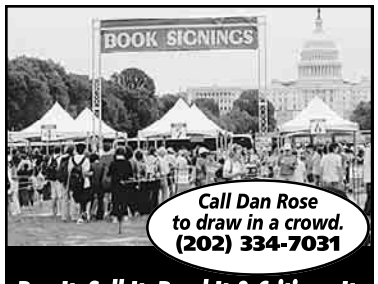

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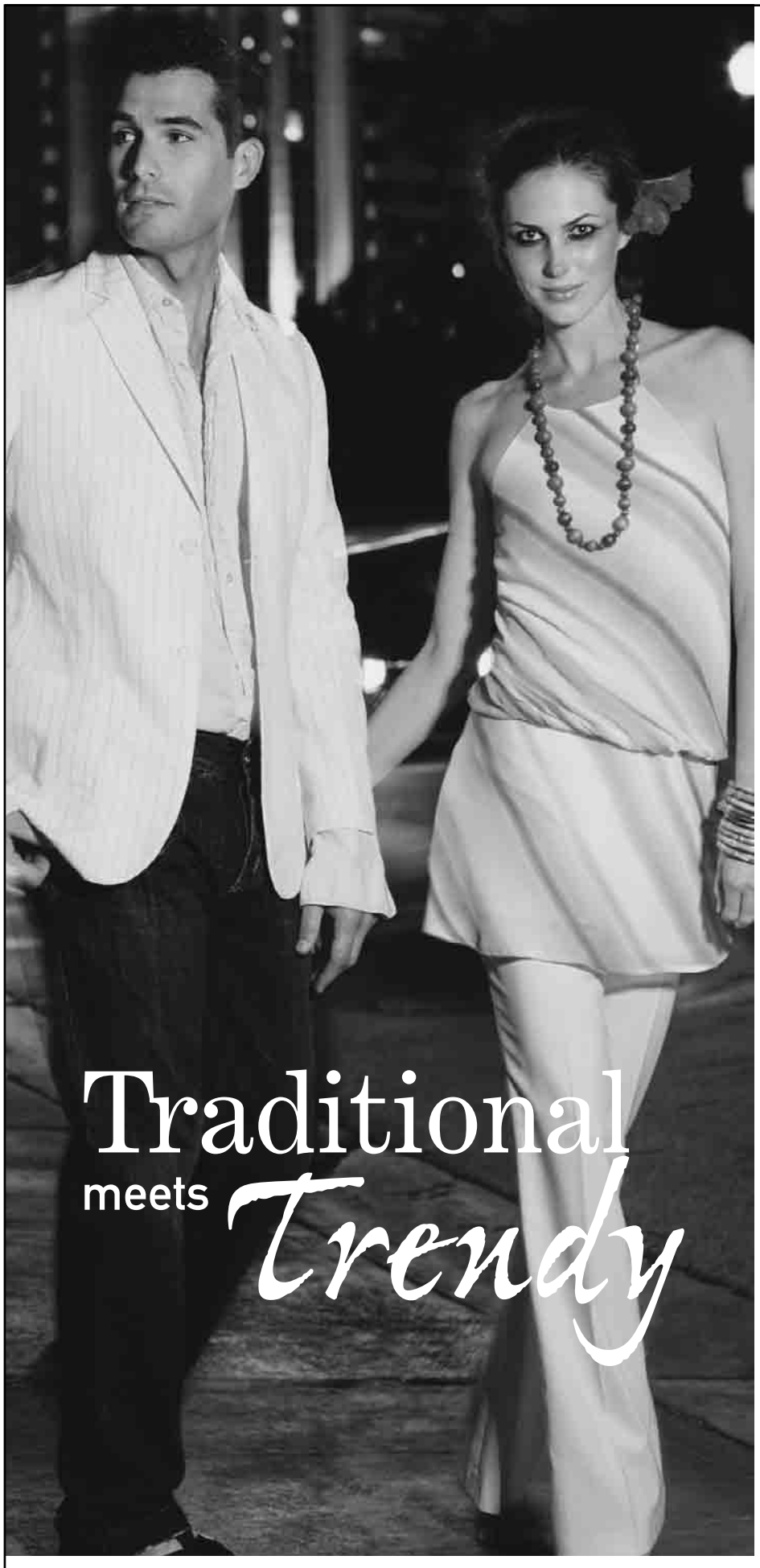

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Thump. Stomp. Crash! You hear them: the unmistakable sounds of your neighbors as they carry boxes down to the moving truck. You're gloating about your smart investment, knowing their condo next door just sold for thousands more than yours cost. Cha-ching! How can you ensure that your condo keeps its value — even if the real-estate bubble bursts? Knowing what to do — and not to do — can have a big impact on your bottom dollar down the road.

Upgrade. The place to start is where all good parties end up: the kitchen. "Dollar for dollar, you will recoup more of your money by updating your kitchen," said Peter Greeves, president of EJF Real Estate Services in Northwest D.C. "At a minimum, consider upgrading to stainless-steel appliances and installing new countertops."

Experts say microwave ovens are now almost a necessity for resale value. Installing them above the stove maximizes counter space. Dual-fuel (gas and electric) cooking appliances and wine chillers are also popular.

If you're upgrading your larger appliances like dishwashers and refrigerators, remember that extra bells and whistles (multiple cycle options, for instance) don't always add value, though they can increase your purchase price significantly.

Granite is the preferred countertop these days. Stone seems to be the benchmark of a quality kitchen and that extends, in a buyer's mind, to the entire home. Replacing mica countertops with stone or synthetic surfaces should add resale value to any condo, but experts say don't bother replacing mica with mica.

There is also the ripple effect to consider. "You may find once you replace the countertops and appliances, [the] outdated cabinets and flooring look terrible by contrast and you'll want to update the whole kitchen," Greeves cautioned.

Fortunately, increasing eye appeal doesn't have to be expensive.

"Even the most outdated kitchen may not need an entire overhaul," said Larry Schaffert of Kitchen Solvers in Myersville, Md. "Simply refacing the cabinets — even just painting them — and updating the hardware can freshen the look without draining the budget."

Fixing up your bathroom is the second smartest investment,

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as experts agree you'll likely recoup your cash come closing time. It doesn't take much to have your floor retiled and change an outdated mirror or lighting fixture. If space allows, add a vanity for extra storage. Otherwise, a new pedestal sink offers a fresh look.

Eyeing a new tub? Greeves said don't splurge on a soaking tub or Jacuzzi unless you're really in the mood for a lot of bubble baths. "It's nice to have but it won't increase your sale price too much."

Style. Your own personal style may make your unit noticeable, and not necessarily in a good way.

Experts warn not to overspend on highly stylized kitchens or baths. "When in doubt, go neutral," advised Kathy Braddock, author of How to Live the Good Life in New York. "While your own taste may be highly ornate, you need to keep an eye on the improvements that'll [make your property attractive] to the widest possible spectrum of people."

Braddock suggested staying away from changes that are difficult to undo. For instance, if you're thinking you'll only be in your condo a few years, hold off on that gorgeous glaze on the wall or funky tiling in the bathroom. It may look great to you, but a prospective buyer might take one look and decide redoing it is too much work.

That's not to say you can't make your space your own. "Put your stamp on it," Braddock said, "but maybe not in the most permanent or expensive way. Choose a fabulous light fixture that speaks to you but that you can take with you."

Say you want an extra large room for entertaining and you're considering moving walls. Braddock suggested, "Do it with folding doors that create the space you desire but enable someone else to close them off if the space is too large for them."

Compete. With so many new units being built these days, how do older condos compete? They often offer more space and charm, and are noted for their character. But that appeal may also make them outdated.

If your older floors are not up to par with newer units, experts recommend not just refinishing, but completely replacing them. The floor of choice today? Hands down, it's hardwood.

"It's simple, elegant and easy to maintain," said Jim Cooksey of Classic Floor Designs in Northwest Washington. Oak is the most popular choice among condo owners these days, and Cooksey said more and more people are choosing to add design elements like borders or medallions. Don't install anything too wild if you're concerned about resale.

If you absolutely must have carpet, experts say it's best to stick with neutral colors. Berber wears well; it also costs a bit more than some others, but with a condo's generally smaller square footage, it should be a fairly inexpensive upgrade.

> "The biggest mistake condo owners make with respect to value is failing to keep the kitchens, bathrooms and flooring updated."
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> TARA NELSON, AUTHOR, "THE SINGLE GIRLS' GUIDE TO HOMEBUYING HANDBOOK"

Storage is often an issue in a condo. If you're considering space modifications such as built-in bookcases or custom closets, experts say enjoy them but don't expect to make money off them when you move.

Remember that most updates become permanent. If you install a plasma TV in the wall as part of a home theatre renovation, be prepared to leave it there.

Don't assume because you love your condo just the way it is future buyers will, too. In this case, it's important to keep up with the Jones's.

"The biggest mistake condo owners make with respect to value is failing to keep the kitchens, bathrooms and flooring updated," said

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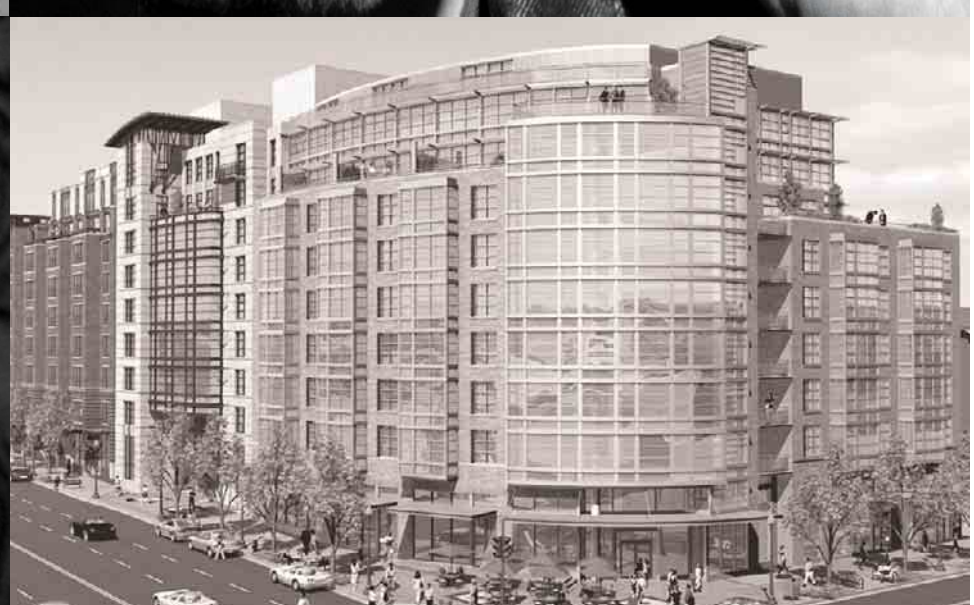

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Tara Nelson, author of the soon-to-be-released "The Single Girl's Guide to Homebuying Handbook." "Many condo owners are aggressive about keeping their places up to date and that makes an outdated unit stand out by comparison."

Maintain. Even if you're not in the market to makeover your condo, there are still plenty of ways to ensure future value.

Smells are one of the biggest detractions. Odors from pets and cigarettes linger long after the source is removed. Have your carpets and upholstery professionally cleaned at least once a year to cut down on smells. Fresh paint will also rid walls of the yellowing caused by cigarette smoke in the air.

Keep your green thumb off the floor. Many a hardwood has been ruined by water stains from plants. Take preventative measures like placing saucers under your plants so you're not left with permanent reminders of where you placed your fern. Pet stains are also impossible to remove from hardwood floors, so limit Fido and Fluffy's access if that's an issue in your house.

To preserve your hardwood floor, Cooksey recommends lightly damp-mopping it once a week with a solution that's two tablespoons vinegar to one quart water.

You'll want to maintain your granite countertops, too. It is important to carefully seal the surface thoroughly at installation and reseal it every six months to prevent stains from penetrating and keep the granite glowing.

So what's the bottom line for preserving your investment? Remodel with the future in mind. Stay neutral. Maintain, maintain, maintain. And enjoy watching your condo's value grow while you watch your neighbors figure out how to move their king-sized bed down three flights of stairs. LYNN THORNE

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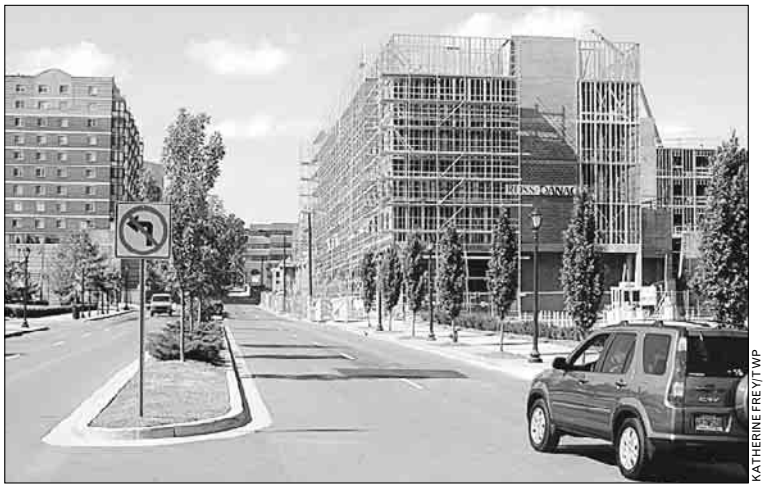

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Beware of The Condo Glut

A flood of new local condos could dent area housing prices

A dramatic transformation is underway in the Washington area as hundreds of new condominium projects move off the drawing boards and into people's lives.

More than 47,000 new condominiums, in 322 separate projects, are coming onto the market in the next three years, according to real estate information firm Delta Associates. Many of those buildings promise to create new kinds of neighborhoods in areas that were not previously known as residential communities. At the end of September, there were 18,872 new condominium units for sale in the region, many that introduce new choices to long-established places, up from only 3,083 in the same month two years earlier.

New urban-style high-rise and mid-rise condominiums are being built in Tysons Corner, Reston, Alexandria, Shirlington, Arlington, Rockville and Bethesda. New neighborhoods are being created in emerging housing nodes around the District, including the 14th Street corridor, Columbia Heights, the Chinatown area, near Pennsylvania Avenue NW downtown and the streets around the New York Avenue Metro station in Northeast Washington. Historic adaptations of vintage buildings are introducing new twists on old themes.

And on the lower end of the price scale, about 24 apartment complexes throughout the region have been purchased by developers in the past year for conversion to condominiums, many being marketed to the middle-income people who have been left out of the recent housing boom.

But while many people are applauding the burgeoning array of choices after several years in which the competition for housing left buyers feeling more like beggars, others are wondering whether too much condominium construction is underway — and whether a glut is looming.

That could mean lower prices, a plus for buyers. But more new units can make it harder for owners of existing condos to sell. The number of existing, for-sale condos in Alexandria and Arlington, for example, has risen from as low as 41 units at various points to a recent high of 335 units for sale, said real estate agent Ginger Harden. These days, she watches with some alarm when new condos come on the market.

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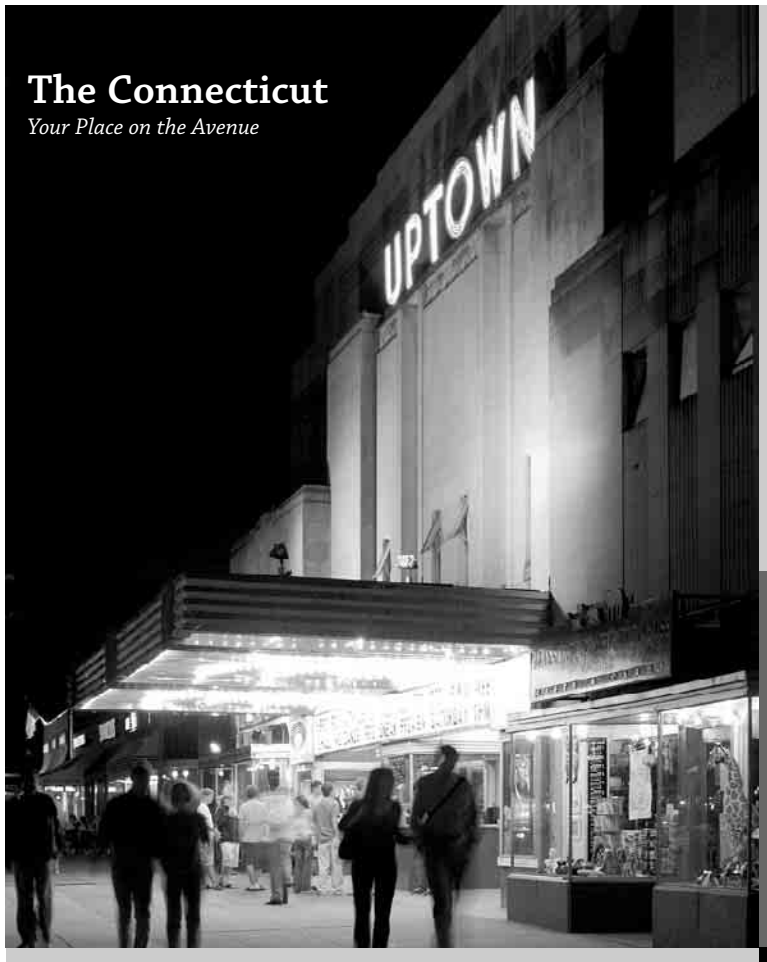

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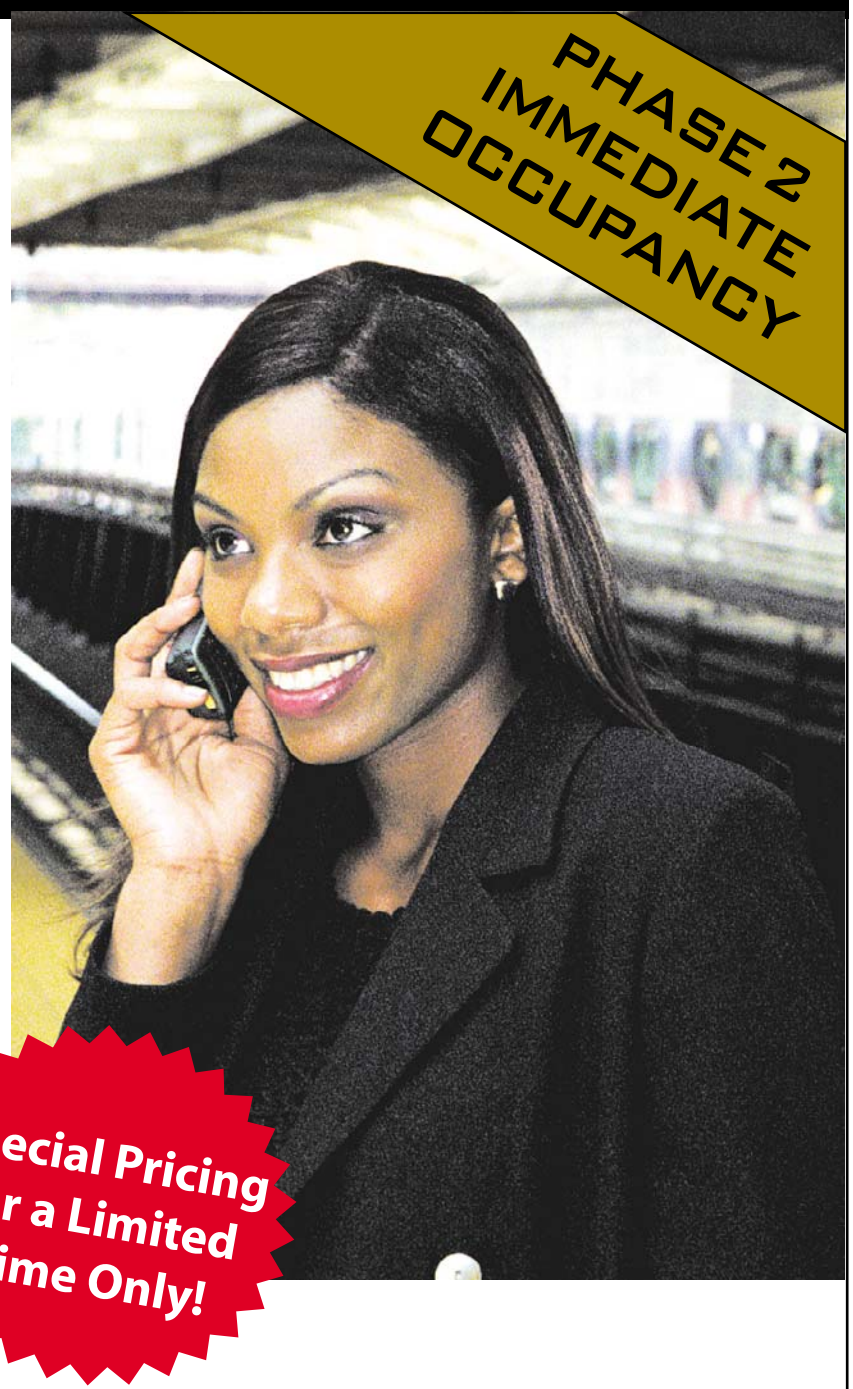

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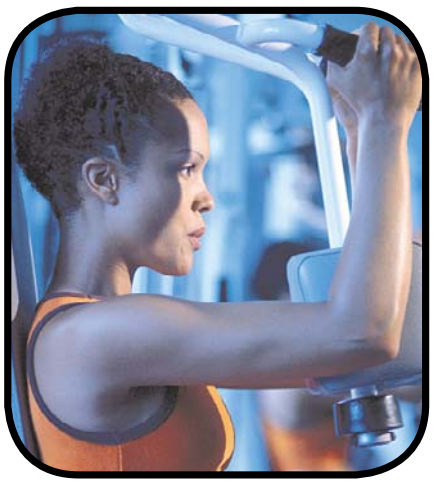

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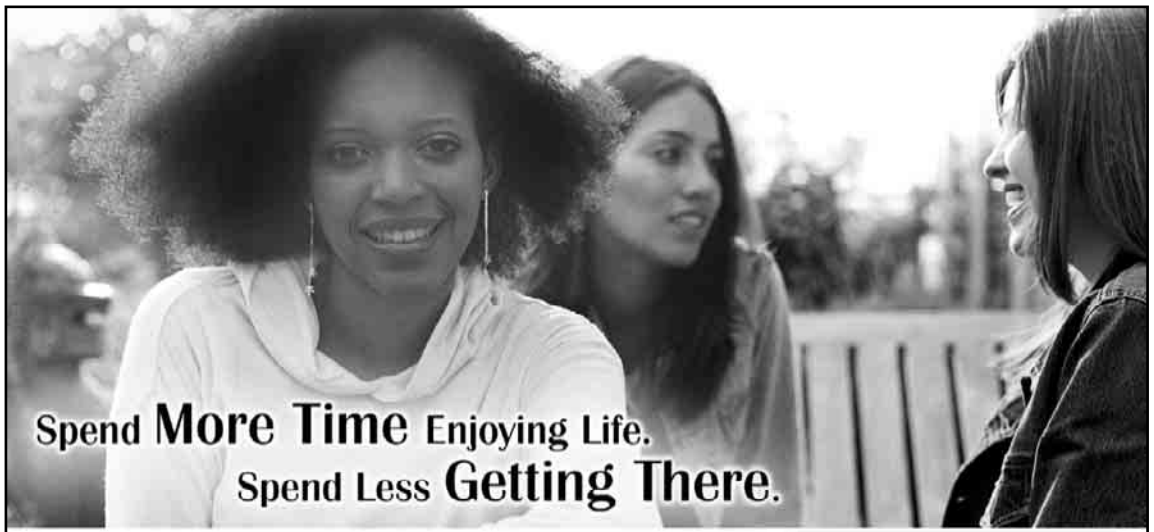

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Others argue that in high-priced housing markets, condominiums are the only affordable option left for many buyers — and that the market will thus remain strong. The explosion in condos in the Washington area is being mirrored in South Florida, California, Boston and New York, other places where the gap has grown between housing prices and the incomes earned by average workers.

"It's taking place in all the areas where single-family homes are becoming unaffordable for your average first-time or middle-income buyer," said Dan Fasulo, director of market analysis for Real Capital Analytics, a New York City real estate information firm. "Not that many people can afford a half-million-plus for a starter home."

Fasulo thinks demand may be weaker at the high end of the market, where fewer people can afford the units, while he has confidence that demand will remain high for condominiums that many people can actually purchase.

"Even plain-vanilla, nondescript units will be absorbed," he said. "I wonder about the luxury unit more."

So far, condo demand remains high. More than 10,100 new units have been sold in the first three quarters of 2005, more than the 9,100 sold in the region in all of 2004, according to Delta Associates.

The increase in supply is likely to bring some moderation in pricing, said Dick Bryan, president of the Vienna-based Bryan Group, a real estate marketing firm. "We can't afford to appreciate at 22 to 28 percent a year or we price ourselves right out of the market," said Bryan, who believes the infusion of new units will help restore a better supply-and-demand balance in the condo market.

Some of the new action is coming to the suburbs, as high-rise urban living is introduced into regional hubs known mostly as job centers and shopping meccas.

The first high-rise condominium in Tysons Corner in more than two decades hit the market last month. Called Park Crest, the complex is almost across the street from Tysons II shopping mall and will feature a 19-story residential tower, along with a grocery store and retail shops. Units there are priced from $500,000 to more than $2 million. In the first two weeks alone, 110 of the units have been purchased, mostly by Northern Virginians, said David Mayhood, president of the Mayhood Co., which is marketing the project. Buyers are a mix of young professionals and empty-nesters, he said.

High-rise urban-style homes are coming to Reston Town Center, too. Vienna-based KSI Services Inc. is building twin 21-story towers overlooking the area's retail core, which KSI Chairman Robert C. Kettler describes as creating a new "vertical community" there. Next week,

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at a ceremony that will be attended by Reston's founder, 91-year-old Robert E. Simon, KSI will deed the land to a nearby 1.25-acre park to a nonprofit Reston group, providing the area with a bit of open green space and tiered seating for open-air concerts.

On the other side of the region, the city of Rockville, which made a disastrous foray into urban renewal in the 1960s when it plopped a mall in the center of its historic old downtown, is finally remaking itself. A new project, called Rockville Town Square, is under construction. It will feature condos in five buildings, each five or six stories high, in walking distance to existing restaurants and a movie theater. The new complex will also include stores, a public library and a cultural arts center.

"It's the project all the prior mayors of Rockville were unsuccessful at building," said lawyer

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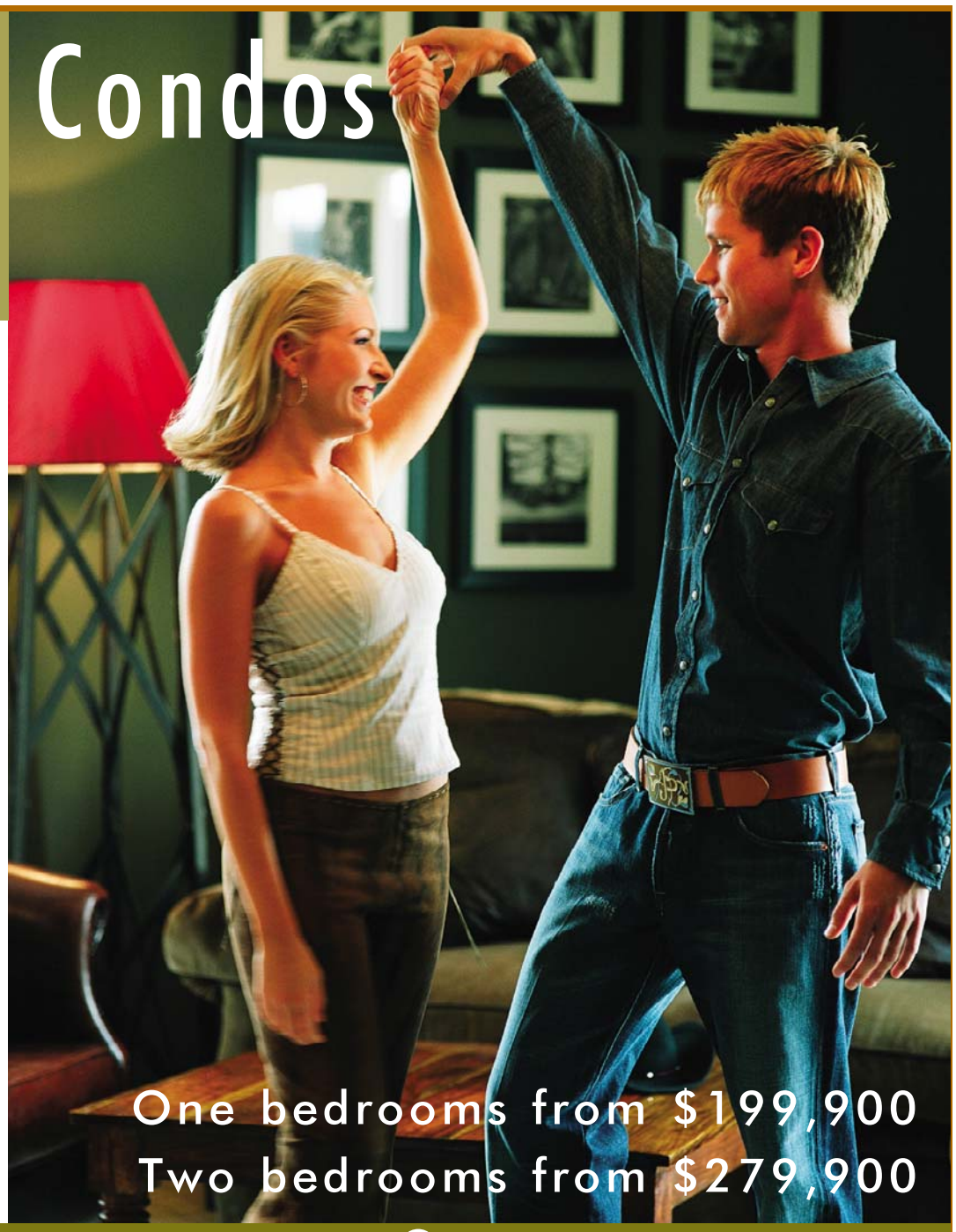

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Steven VanGrack, vice chairman of the Maryland Real Estate Commission and a former Rockville mayor. VanGrack credits Rockville's current mayor, Larry Giammo, for its progress.

The Rockville project is representative of dogged efforts by some local governments to promote denser development on major transit lines and highways and near job centers, in places such as Clarendon, Rosslyn and Silver Spring, rather than encouraging endless sprawl outward.

"The political movement is away from developing greenfields where there is no infrastructure and more toward steering development back to the urban cores," said Fasulo of Real Capital Analytics. "It's not just happening in D.C. It's happening everywhere."

Some of these new residential complexes close to jobs may prove enticing to upscale buyers who are tiring of long commutes, said journalist Joel Garreau, author of "Edge City: Life on the New Frontier," a 1991 book that predicted office clusters such as Reston and Tysons Corner would eventually develop more urban amenities.

"The most valuable commodity is always time," said Garreau, a writer and editor for The Post. "It's what we have the most limited amount of — time. With their long commutes, people have been trading time for a couple of bedrooms."

Even a half-hour commute, along with yard care and pool maintenance, got to be too much for Steven Nowicki, 41, a financial management contractor for the Navy, who traded his ranch-style home in 16th Street Heights in the District for a $420,000 condominium at Langston Lofts, a new project at 14th and V streets NW.

"I didn't really enjoy it anymore," Nowicki said of his single-family house. "It was another thing to take care of, another hassle. . . . I wanted to simplify things."

Nowicki and others are finding their way to a bevy of projects opening up new infill areas in the District to denser residential settlement. According to Delta Associates, more than 9,300 units are being planned for the District, including many in areas that were once crime-ridden and decaying.

"There's been a rebirth of D.C.," said real estate agent Jeff Lockard of Tutt, Taylor & Rankin Real Estate in the District. "Since [former mayor] Marion Barry left office, we saw the city change overnight. Mayor [Anthony] Williams has had a good effect. Everything has changed for the better in the last eight to 10 years. It's made D.C the place to be."

The visible changes are drawing affluent residents to neighborhoods they would not have considered in the past. Stephanie Caputo, 51, a community development analyst with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, has lived in the Dupont Circle area since 1988. Next month, she will move to a new $408,000 condominium she has purchased at 2020 12th St. NW.

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"I didn't want to be a pioneer in places that were too patchy, too seedy," Caputo said. "I was watching the market, and it wasn't gelling in a way that felt comfortable. I didn't see it coming together — until it did."

Adaptations of older, sometimes historic, buildings are also attracting interest. One project underway near Union Station, Senate Square, incorporates the old Children's Museum, which is being turned into loft-style condominiums. It will also feature two 12-story towers, with units ranging in price from the high $200,000s to more than $1 million.

Meanwhile, the former Italian Embassy at 2700 16th St. NW is being converted into a complex known as Il Palazzo, where units

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will cost from $500,000 to more than $2 million. The Silverton used to be the old Canada Dry bottling plant in Silver Spring. The Yale Steam Laundry condos on New York Avenue NW and Parker Flats at Gage School, near Howard University, will both incorporate historic elements into modern buildings.

"There is uniqueness in taking old structures, thinking how to preserve them and how to integrate the new product as well," said Christopher Ballard, president of McWilliams/Ballard, an Alexandria-based residential marketing firm that represents a number of those projects.

Kurtis Brown, 44, a financial analyst for the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, found the D.C. market "stale and cookie-cutter" when he moved here from Houston in 1993. Soon he will be moving into Lofts 14, a converted auto dealership at 14th and Church streets NW, with his partner, Charles Griffin, 54, an economist and director at the World Bank. The former industrial space features 15-foot ceilings and wide open spaces that Brown calls "very contemporary and modern." He particularly loves the floor-to-ceiling windows, which he said make the 2,000-square-foot condominium "sun-drenched."

He is thrilled with the lifestyle change ahead. "I'd had a typical nice apartment, but it's nothing like 15-foot ceilings and an open floor plan," Brown said.

On the lower end of the price scale, however, at least 24 apartment complexes in the region have been purchased in the last year for conversion to condominiums.

Penderbrook Square, a golf course community in Fairfax where the units have wood-burning fireplaces and balconies, is being converted into for-sale units with price tags starting at $209,900.

The Four Winds at Oakton is a conversion of the former Summit Square apartment complex, which also features fireplaces and balconies. One-bedroom units there will start in the upper $200,000s.

At projects such as these, developers hope to capitalize on high housing prices that have pushed many buyers out of the market and to make money by offering people homes they can afford.

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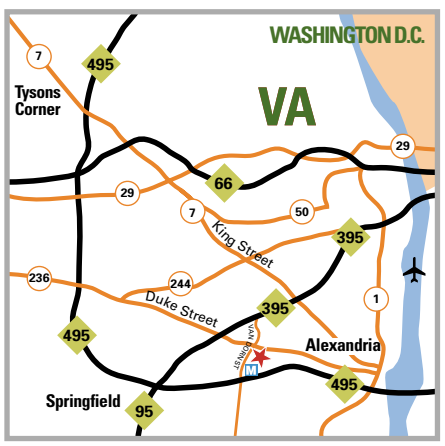

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see as an affordability void in the greater Washington, D.C., area," said Christopher Clemente, chairman and chief executive of Reston-based Comstock Homebuilding Cos., when he announced last month that his firm had purchased two apartment properties for sale as condos — Carter Lake Condominiums in Reston, where prices will start at the mid $200,000s, and Bellmeade Condominiums in Leesburg, where the lowest-priced units will start in the low $100,000s.

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If a buyer is pressured by the builder and the in-house mortgage company to settle on a home that they're not qualified for/can't afford, are there any legal actions that can be taken to have the builder buy the property back? The mortgage company had to falsify the income to the underwriter without the acknowledgement of the buyer to get the loan approved.

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Even if prices moderate or drop somewhat — a big IF — I doubt you will see houses in close-in Washington in the $100-$150,000 range again, barring some major catastrophe. A fifty percent drop in the price just isn't coming. Historically, home prices at least keep up with inflation. HOWEVER: It's always possible, if there truly is demand and the spreadsheets work, that folks will start building lower-end stock. That's one reason, actually, that you're seeing small condos and far-far-far out subdivisions.

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Back in April of this year I bought a one-bedroom condo for top dollar. Ever since, I've experienced a kind of buyer's remorse because I waited so long and paid so much more than the last unit (it did appraise for the amount I paid). I'm sure I'm not the only person who feels that they missed out and purchased when prices seem to have topped out. Any advice you can give to a first-time condo owner who feels like she was naive in her purchase? (By the way, I don't plan on selling anytime soon.)

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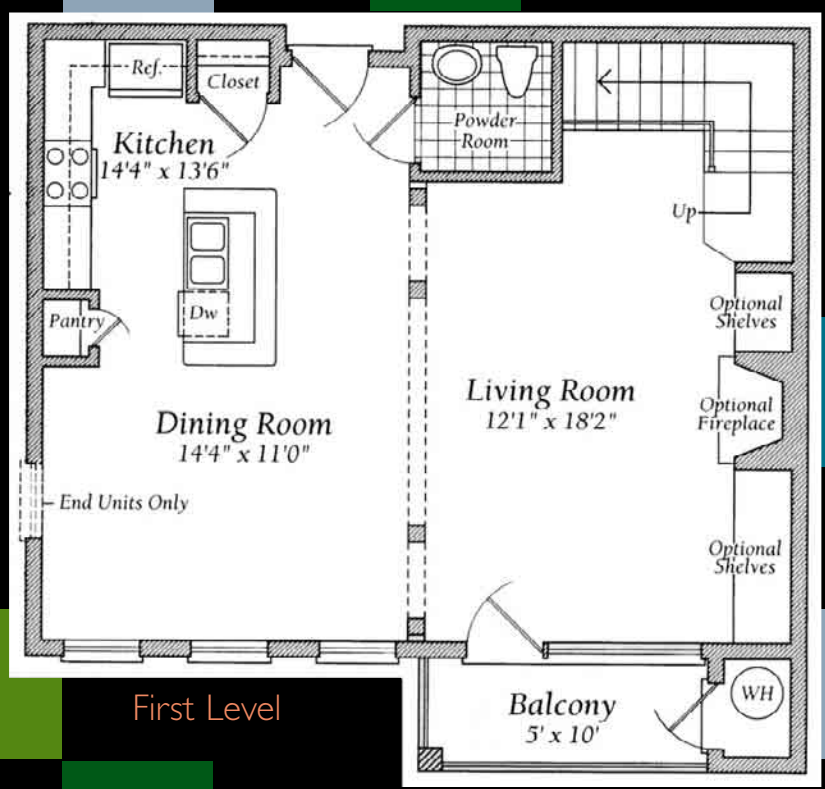

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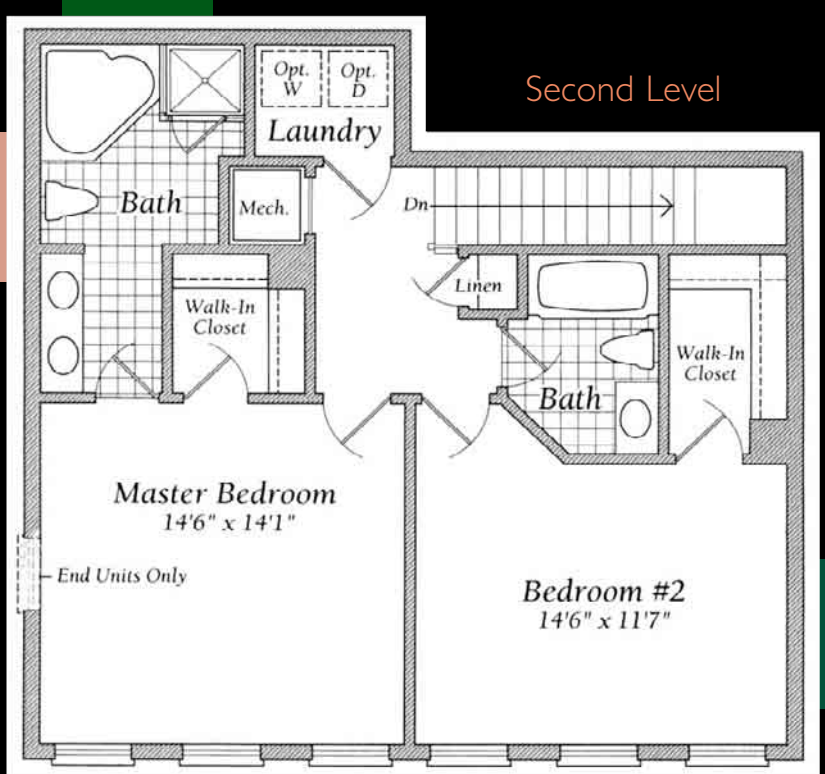

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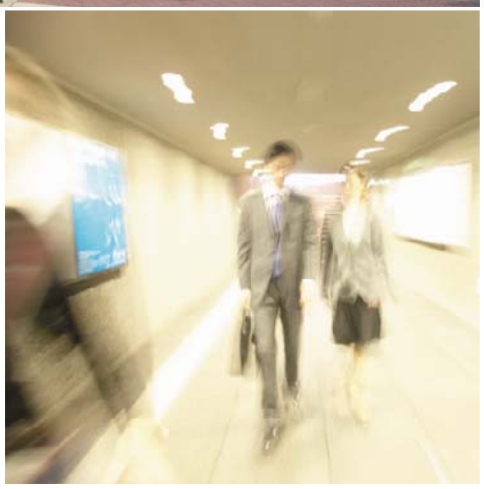

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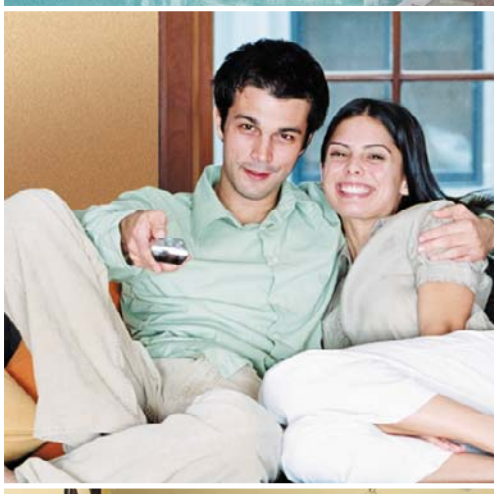

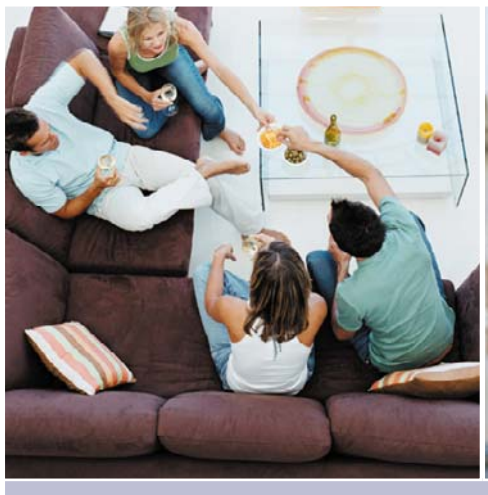

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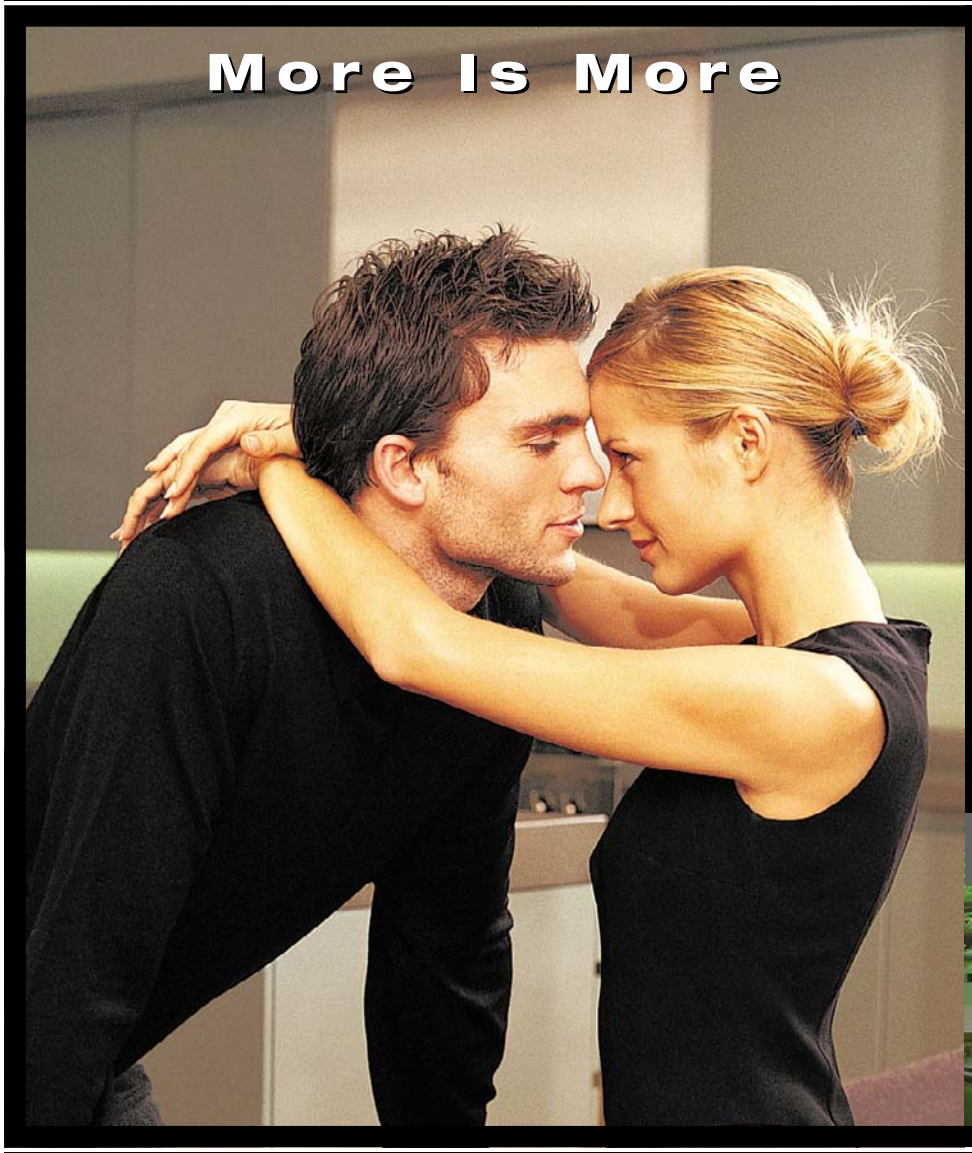

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You're not selling anytime soon, so don't worry about the sales price. Life is too short for that.

My wife and I bought a condo in March, what in hindsight appears to be the top of the market. We will have to move within the next four years or so, and are worried that we won't be able to recoup the money we paid for it. My question is how fast do real estate cycles move? Is there time for a burst/slide and recovery within a five-year timeframe?

The cycles can be pretty slow. That's why the standard recommendation is to plan to live in a house for at least 5 years for protection against cycles and so that you can recoup the not-inconsiderable costs of selling. All you can do is keep your fingers crossed — and not worry about it for a while.

Now that it seems like more and more people are climbing onto the property ladder, is real estate investment still a smart move in the D.C. area?

Only if you find what you want at a good price. DON'T plan to get rich quick by flipping pre-construction condos, for instance.

My condo building was just redone in 2001 and we, the owners, have been noticing some problems. The condo board of my building just recently got a home inspector to check out the building. He saw some pretty big problems and noted that he thought it was developer negligence. They just did a shoddy job when they redid the building. We also had a mason come by to check out the building because we need to get it re-pointed. I don't know why it needs to be re-pointed if it was just redone in 2001. He said he saw the building when it was being renovated and pointed out the problems to the developers, they told him they weren't worried about it because they were going to flip it. We sent a letter to the developer hoping we can resolve this nicely but he responded saying it wasn't his problem anymore. If this is truly developer negligence, what are our options?

I hate to say this, but ... get a lawyer. (That is, the condo board should get a lawyer.)

I have just signed a contract on a house and had my home inspection yesterday. There wasn't anything major, but numerous small items that need to be repaired (e.g., one set of window blinds, a new window, door hinges, broken door knob, etc.). I asked for, and got, a $2,000 credit in the contract to repair carpeting, add paint, and make other small repairs, but I didn't envision the multitude of the additional items that would need to be repaired. Is it right for me to ask the seller to repair some of these issues before close? Or should I just suck it up and stop being greedy?

You've got a contract. You had your shot at offering what you thought was a fair price. You even got that $2,000 credit. I think you should stop being greedy. Houses ALWAYS need things fixed. At this point, the seller isn't responsible for broken door knobs.

I'm selling my duplex that is one block from a Metro stop. The price is based on a professional appraisal. It's FSBO but buyer agent gets three percent. There is one contract that asks the seller to contribute three percent ($12,000) toward closing cost. Does three percent contribution toward closing cost sound excessive?

That three percent was more or less standard a few years back. Seller contributions pretty much dropped out of contracts these days, but can actually be good for all involved.

From your perspective, that money is just built into the sales price. (i.e., without the three percent you would charge $100,000. With it, you are charging $103,000.) But from the buyer's perspective, the way that money gets shuffled around can make a big difference in being able to close the deal.

While I don't have a crystal ball I can pretty much bet that a three-level townhouse in northern Silver Spring with a hot tub inside the house (basement), will probably spend more time on the market than the one next door with a fireplace and rec room.

You made me smile.

CALCULATE YOUR MONTHLY MORTGAGE

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$200,000	955	1,013	1,074	1,136	1,199	1,264	1,331	1,398	1,468	1,538	1,609	1,682	1,755
$220,000	1,050	1,115	1,181	1,249	1,319	1,391	1,464	1,538	1,614	1,692	1,770	1,850	1,931
$240,000	1,146	1,216	1,288	1,363	1,439	1,517	1,597	1,678	1,761	1,845	1,931	2,018	2,106
$260,000	1,241	1,317	1,396	1,476	1,559	1,643	1,730	1,818	1,908	1,999	2,092	2,186	2,282
$280,000	1,337	1,419	1,503	1,590	1,679	1,781	1,863	1,958	2,055	2,153	2,253	2,354	2,457
$300,000	1,432	1,520	1,610	1,703	1,799	1,896	1,996	2,098	2,201	2,307	2,414	2,523	2,633
$320,000	1,528	1,621	1,718	1,817	1,919	2,023	2,129	2,237	2,348	2,461	2,575	2,691	2,808
$340,000	1,623	1,723	1,825	1,930	2,038	2,149	2,262	2,377	2,495	2,614	2,736	2,859	2,984
$360,000	1,719	1,824	1,933	2,044	2,158	2,275	2,395	2,517	2,642	2,768	2,897	3,027	3,159
$380,000	1,814	1,925	2,040	2,158	2,278	2,402	2,528	2,657	2,788	2,922	3,058	3,195	3,335
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